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## Chair's Message for May 2022



Greetings to all of the Members of #600 Wing!

A special Hello to all the Mothers as it is Mother's Day as I sit down to write up this report. I hope you all had a wonderful day with greetings or visits from your children. My daughter called me on video from the Airport in Toronto as she was waiting for her flight home to Edmonton. My son hopefully will find some time in his busy Sunday schedule with all of his church activity to give me a call later today.

So here we are already well into May. Time sure does fly! We have held our first social in over two years! It was a great event. There were 8 people in attendance at the Serbian Club on the 20th of April. We ordered from the menu so everyone could have a meal of their own choosing. Much conversation and camaraderie was had. We also had a moment of silence for Jeanne Tweten who had passed away on the 16th of April. Each of us took that moment to remember Jeanne in our own way. Then of course, there was much chatting and reminiscing about her in our conversations over lunch. I had the pleasure of presenting long service pins to Dorothy ((35 Years), Herb (20 Years) and Elaine (5 Years). There are pictures of these presentations later in the Aerogram. It was SO VERY GOOD to be back together again.

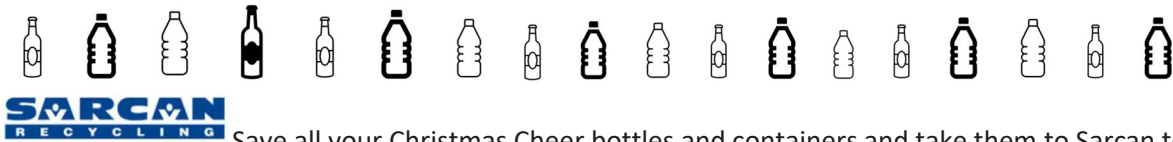
Other members who will receive pins at later dates are Norm Swayze (20 Years), Bill Peake (5 Years), Brian Beck (15 Years), Gary Williams (25 Years) and Jean Thomas (25 Years) - she received her pin from Dorothy at College Park II on 2 May at her 100th Birthday party. Please see the article from Dorothy and some pics of that occasion later in the Aerogram as well.

Everyone, please make sure that you renew your membership by the end of June. And speaking of membership, I am asking that each of you do your very best to entice just one other person to take out a membership in our Wing. We have a very small membership right now and really need revitalization. Please consider this.

I am looking forward to our next social which will be held later in May at the Serbian Club (see details below). We will have a short business meeting following the meal. Hope to see you there.

Sherry D. Burgess

Per Ardua Ad Astra  
Sherry Burgess  
Chair  
600 (Regina) Wing  
RCAF Association



Save all your Christmas Cheer bottles and containers and take them to Sarcan to help 600 Wing with a tiny bit of fundraising." Group Code is "600Wing



## 2nd Social Event of the year

Thursday, 26 May 2022

Serbian Club on Avonhurst Drive

1745 for 1800 Ordering (we will all order from the menu).

There will be a short business meeting (max 30 minutes- probably closer to 15) at some convenient point in the evening.

Bring your toonies! ( or fives). There will be a 50/50 draw.

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March 23, 2022

Fellow members,

It is with profound sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of David Walker. We received the news earlier today from David's son that he passed in his sleep last night.

David was a long-serving member of the RCAF, the RCAF Association and Anavets. For over 30 years, David served on the Executive of 500 Wing and most recently (for a number of years) as our Treasurer. He was a man with a story for every occasion, usually accompanied with a good laugh; a man with tremendous knowledge of the RCAF and the Association; and a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He will certainly be missed.

Sic Itur Ad Astra ~ Per Ardua Ad Astra

Jason

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## Jean's 100th Birthday



I became a member of R.C.A.F.A #600 (Regina) Wing in 2003 that's when I met Jean Thomas. She became a member in 1994, worked her way up the board to become president in 2001-2002. She was voted member of the year 2003-2004 for all her contributions to the Wing. Jean took charge of regalia, ensuring members were properly kitted, whether in new or gently used attire. When ordering from the nation kit shop, Jean always made sure that the order was large enough that shipping didn't apply; there is just a little scotch in her. Jean spent many hours caring for and changing the display cases at the Regina airport. Some displays were for events such as Remembrance Day, Snowbirds and Air Cadets. In 2003, our Wing hosted the National convention, Jean was on that committee. She also helped host the Prairie Group annual general meetings when held in Regina. Jean attended many of these meetings when held out of Regina. You could always count on her good ideas and wisdom. Jean did her best to help with the many hot dog sales raising funds for the Air Cadets. She would take on the duties as cashier keeping a

tight fist on the cash box. She was always present at our monthly socials doing a presentation or playing the piano for the National anthem. We could always count on Jean for a very appropriate Grace before dinner. To summarize Jean, she is a good part of the glue that helps bind our Wing and carry it into the future.

Sherry Burgess, Chair



On behalf of the #600 (Regina) Wing I attended Jean Thomas's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the College Park 2 on May 2, 2022. In attendance were family, friends, and residence. Greetings and well wishes were sent from the Prime Minister, Premier, Lieutenant Governor and a long list of many more including wing president Sherry Burgess. Janet Focht and Ben Eng of Scouts Canada presented Jean with her 65 year long service pin. On behalf of R.C.A.F.A Canada I presented Jean with her life membership certificate and card. On behalf of the Wing, I presented Jean with her 25 year long service pin. After the presentations: tea, coffee and desert was served with time to socialize. Dorothy



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## PRAIRIE GROUP AGM – 2022

As most of you probably aware by now the 2022 Prairie Group AGM scheduled for 07 May 2022 at the Anavets in Winnipeg has been postponed due to low registration. The cost associated with members travelling from Regina and Saskatoon plus outside Winnipeg proper was just too expensive to justify the cost with the low registration. I will now be planning for the AGM to be held this fall. Date, time, and place will be determined later. There have been some changes to the National structure, Prairie Group Terms and Conditions plus resolutions that will be coming up at this falls National AGM in Hamilton and I need your input on it. That's why it is important for as many members to attend the Prairie Group AGM as are able. I would encourage each wing to do some fund raising this summer to assist with the expenses of your membership attending. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me and I will attempt to answer your questions. Have a great summer and stay safe.

Herbert Harrison CD  
Chair  
Prairie Group RCAFA



### Obituary of Jeanne Tweten

Jeanne was born on November 16, 1922 in Amiens, France. She died peacefully with family by her side the evening of April 16, 2022. Jeanne was predeceased by her first husband, Marlowe O. Tweten in 1985 and her second husband Andrew T. Joerissen in 2008; three sons and a daughter in infancy; daughter in law Donna Tweten in 1972; her youngest son Roger in 2012 and her eldest son Alvin in 2017.

Jeanne is survived by her three sons, Phil (Tyma) of Calgary, Ralph (Richael) of Calgary and Reg (Ruth) of Regina; four daughters, Janet (Doug) Craig of Regina,

Mary Ann (Kel) Sikora of Surrey, Karen (Arnold) Dobroskay of Saskatoon, and Christina (Les) Morgan of Wilmington, North Carolina; and daughter-in-law Carol Tweten of St. Albert; step daughters Marie Mosca, Debbie Martin of Calgary, and Patti Joerissen of Regina; 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; 11 step great grandchildren, and many persons to whom she was an "extra" grandma.

She had 4 sisters and a brother and was raised in England. Her mother, Phebe Yule was widowed at a young age so she was raised in a house full of women. This had a great influence in her life and her independence. She had a very good memory and was telling her life stories until the end of her life. She did well in school and worked as a governess to a few children and also as a dental receptionist before she was married.

After raising her 9 children she worked as a babysitter to families in the Lakeview area. She could often be seen walking them to Wascana Park and the Totem Pole. She absolutely loved babies and children. Every night she would read bedtime stories to her children and taught them to read before kindergarten. She introduced many classics to the families that she looked after. Every birthday the grandchildren and her extra grandchildren would receive a book. She loved reading. She was a great knitter and many people were the recipients of hand knitted sweaters.

Jeanne was the last surviving aunt to many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family, the Yules and the Twetens. She was a great, great, great aunt to many and was known to send a lot of birthday cards. She was a great letter writer and had a weekly routine of writing letters to her sisters and mother.

Jeanne served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in WW11 as a radar operator. She was posted to the Isle of Wight in 1942.

She married Marlowe on April 25, 1942 and came to Canada in 1946 as a war bride. She marched with the veterans every November 11th and was featured on the CBC National news in November 2020 talking about Remembrance Day during Covid.

They lived on McIntyre Street in a house with no running water until 1961 when they bought "a modern home" on McCannel St.

Jeanne lived in that home for 54 years until she moved to Qu'Appelle House in an independent suite. She then decided she needed long term care in December 2021 and was lucky to stay in Qu'Appelle House until January 2022. For the last 3 months she lived in a personal care home, Majestic Manor. She made all of her own choices and was cognizant until the end of her life.

She encouraged her children to further their education and supported and guided them to pursue their dreams. Jeanne came from a family with a long military history and two of her sons, Al (RCAF) and Reg (Army Reserve) continued this career.

She would sit down every Tuesday afternoon and hand write her memoirs. Her son Reg typed them out for her and got copies made for the family. She titled it My Life Story, In my own Words.

Jeanne volunteered in many different community and church organizations in Regina. She was a member of the Monarchist League of Canada and 600 Wing (Regina) Royal Canadian Air Force.

Jeanne was a volunteer with the Regina Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, a neighbourhood canvasser in Coronation Park, a volunteer at Glen Elm school, Prairie Figure Skating Club, Kiwanis Band, Highland Park Home and School Association. Church was a very important part of Jeanne's life. She taught Sunday School in the 1930's in England. She attended St. Michael and All Angels from 1951- 1972 and stepped into the role of Sunday School Superintendent. In 1972 she joined St. James Anglican Church and shortly thereafter started teaching Sunday School and soon became the Sunday School superintendent. Many students benefited from her lessons and remember her fondly, becoming her friend. She was also known to be the Regina Food Bank representative for St. James.

Jeanne was a very active member of the ACW (Anglican Church Women) and went on to become the Deanery President from 1964-1968. She was active in Bible Studies at St. James sharing her wisdom.

The Canadian Bible Society was important to her and she always ordered and delivered the Bible Society readings to all of the Regina churches. She was president well into nineties.

Andrew "Andy" was a family friend who came to Sunday suppers. Five years after Marlowe died Andy asked her if she would like to go and see the Carlton Show Band. They started dating and in 2007 they were married. Andy made her very happy and joined her in volunteer work and church.

Jeanne was a woman who did the best with what she had. She invested in friends, family and her faith. She was organized, independent, stubborn and hard working. She was an inspiration to many. She lived a long life of 99 years and 5 months. The family would like to thank the medical team of the Pasqua Hospital, Ward 4C, especially nurses Christie, Jolene, Emily, Pauline, Jodi, Sarah, Ashley and Dr. Kyle McDonald. You went above and beyond to keep her comfortable on her last days on this earth.

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### **Social- April 20, 2022**

At long last #600 Wing was able to gather in person! Eight people went to the Serbian Club on Avonhurst Drive at noon on 20 Apr.

Herb, Donna, Elaine, Mark, Dorothy, John, Kathleen and Sherry were all there.

We had a few moments of silence for Jeanne Tweten who had just passed away a few days ago. Each of us spent that time thinking about Jeanne and what she had meant to us personally. Then much of the conversation over lunch was centered around Jeanne and stories about her.

Dorothy had tickets and we did a 50/50 draw. Sherry was the lucky winner of \$10.00.

After lunch, Sherry welcomed everyone back and said how great it was to see all the smiling faces again after so long. She also made presentations of some long service pins.

Pictures were taken of Dorothy receiving her 35 year pin, Herb his 20 year pin and Elaine her 5 year pin. Dorothy will present Jean Thomas with her pin for 25 years, as well as her certificate and life membership as she turns 100 on the 1st day of May and Dorothy is attending a party for her at College Park II on Monday, the 2nd of May.



There are four other long service pins to be presented and hopefully those will be done over the course of the next few months as the recipients are able to join us for a social gathering. Much camaraderie was had by all and a good meal (cuz you ordered what you wanted) was enjoyed. We all look forward to our next social gathering in May.

Sherry

#### **Long-term service pin recipients**



#### **In Attendance (minus the photographer Sherry)**



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#### **Notice for the 600 Wing RCAFA Aerogram - May / June from Phil Adkins**

##### **FRIENDS OF THE FORCES CAR SHOW IN MOOSE JAW**

The Friends of the Forces Fellowship Inc. ( formerly 15 Wing Fellowship) is pleased to present their 6th Highway to Heroes Car Show fund raiser on Saturday, 16 July 2022 at the Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds. The Show is normally held at 15 Wing, but due to various CoViD protocols and personnel shortages throughout the CAF, the venue change was necessary. The 2022 Show is being carried out with the blessing and support of 15 Wing officials.

A highlight of this year's show will be performances by the RCAF Band from Winnipeg, including the Concert Band Jetstream who will perform indoors, and the Dixieland Ensemble who will be walking about the Car Show.

If you have not heard these musicians perform, they are awesome! We are also hoping for an RCAF helicopter to be on site.

Friends of the Forces Fellowship (FFF) is dedicated to enhancing ties between 15 Wing, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and the citizens of Moose Jaw and area through fundraising projects, community events and other support / endeavours that showcase the Wing and the CAF, and its benefits to the community. The Moose Jaw Fellowship is the only remaining Fellowship on any CAF Base or Wing and has been in operation since 2012.

The Fellowship receives amazing support from the business community in both Moose Jaw and Regina through financial and in-kind donations. As in the past, funds raised from the Show will go towards projects that assist military members and their families as well as a variety of military organizations and worthy community activities. Examples of financial contributions provided from previous Car Shows (totaling \$117,500) include: \$60K to the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) at 15 Wing; Student Scholarships for children from military families, Make a Wish for a Moose Jaw recipient, Air Cadets, Sea and Navy Cadets, Stars Ambulance, and many more.

The last show in 2018 attracted more than 500 vehicles, with attendance nearing 3,000 largely because of a performance by the Snowbirds, who will unfortunately be away at the time of this year's show. Attached photo was taken from the ATC tower by Ron Walter of the Fellowship.

Also attached is a poster for the 2022 Show. Adult admission is \$10, and spectator gates open at 10:00 hours on 16 July.

Check out FFF on Facebook.

Any questions or for additional information call the number on the poster 1 306 692 7357; or contact me, Phil Adkins, at 1306 692 0501 or 1 306 631 5417.





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