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## **Reconnecting: The Home Economics Alumni Newsletter**



### **GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN**

As I review this second edition of *Reconnecting*, I am impressed by the numbers of interested parties. We have guest writers, many alumni have contributed news, and provincial Home Economics associations have shared milestones. It speaks volumes about the importance of this newsletter. I would like to offer my congratulations to the Home Economics Alumni Advisory Committee for all their hard work. They have produced another excellent newsletter for your enjoyment.

I would also like to thank Liz Delahey and Kim Kennett, who leave the committee on June 30, 2009 at the end of their two-year terms. We all benefited from their talents, enthusiasm for the committee and dedication to their Home Economics colleagues and classmates. We are fortunate that committee members Gayleen Turner, Judy Hannah and Linda Epp have agreed to extend their term one more year so we have some experienced members on the committee as we undertake a new year of activities.

It is my great pleasure to announce that, with the completion of the full vision for the Home Economics Display, we are planning an All-Years Reunion. This will take place in conjunction with the University's Alumni Annual Reunion, which will be held June 19 & 20. A formal invitation will be mailed in February, so watch for it! We look forward to seeing you in June.

As you may know, I am in the last year of my second, five-year term as Dean of the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition. Like Liz and Kim, I will also be finished at the end of June, 2009 so I look forward to one final alumni reunion with you. Best wishes to all of you as you continue to reconnect with the University and each other.

Dennis K.J. Gorecki  
Dean of Pharmacy and Nutrition

## **GREETINGS FROM THE HOME ECONOMICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Happy New Year to you all! Here's hoping this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and happy.

We were overwhelmed by your warm response to our first newsletter (January, 2008), the desire to re-connect obviously struck a chord! Thank you for forwarding your email addresses, for sharing your news and your memories with us. You reminded us how those foundational years spent at the University of Saskatchewan and in the College of Home Economics have been critical to your personal strengths and career successes.

Also, thank you to those of you who contributed financially to assist with the cost of the Home Economics interactive touch screen computer system of the website which will be installed in the Thorvaldson Building shortly. **We received more than 110 donations from graduates of the College of Home Economics, amounting to over \$10,000!** The money collected will pay for the computer system and will provide financial support to maintain the displays. The University of Saskatchewan has committed an additional \$5,000 to enable us to take on additional projects commemorating the College, such as reframing and hanging photos of the Deans of the College. Home Economics does live on in the halls of Thorvaldson!

Since so much interest has been expressed in reconnecting with colleagues and supporting the projects that have been undertaken, we plan to continue with the Home Economics Advisory Committee. Terms are two years in length; we meet five or six times a year. This committee is an opportunity to ensure that our presence at the University continues into perpetuity - it's a chance we can't afford to miss. Some of us will continue on the committee for another term and others will not, so we will be looking for a couple of new recruits for the fall of 2009.

Committee members may attend meetings in person or by conference call. If you are interested in seeing the position description, please contact Lisa Green at [lisa.green@usask.ca](mailto:lisa.green@usask.ca). If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Kim ([kimandmartinontheroad@yahoo.ca](mailto:kimandmartinontheroad@yahoo.ca)) or Liz ([delahay@shaw.ca](mailto:delahay@shaw.ca)).

In the meantime, it is our intention to continue with the annual e-newsletter and to do what we can to preserve our past. Thank you to the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and Lisa Green for their unflagging support of our projects.

Let's keep in touch and work together to ensure our memory remains a vital part of the University of Saskatchewan.

Yours in Home Economics,  
Kim Kennett , Liz Delahay, Linda Epp, Judy Hannah and Gayleen Turner

ps: **Since this newsletter is only available on the Home Economics website, if you know someone without web access, please share a copy with them.**

**Here's what you said in response to receiving the first issue of *Reconnecting*:**

"I really enjoyed getting the HEc newsletter. It finally made me feel re-attached to the U of S." – Lorraine

"I just received the link for the new website and am excited to have the opportunity to re-connect with classmates..... It's great to see the new website up and running and I look forward to staying in touch as well as contributing in any way you think I might be able to." – Kinzie

"I enjoyed the last issue very much. It was good to be brought up to date on what is happening at the university." – Eileen

"I have just received my Alumni Newsletter in the mail and have looked at the website. I think it is a great idea!" – Pam (long dash)

"I have finally had a moment to read the *Reconnecting: The Home Economics Alumni Newsletter*. I wasn't out of the loop after all. Being out of the province, sometimes I just think things don't reach me. I think it is a great idea to resurrect some semblance of our College. It's nice to know what we are all doing and the important things that happen within our group." – Sarah

**UPDATE: HOME ECONOMICS DISPLAY**

As we announced in the first "*Reconnecting*" newsletter, September 2007 saw the official opening of the first phase of the College of Home Economics display. The glass display cases, which are a highlight of the main lobby of the Thorvaldson building, feature a selection of Home Economics memorabilia. Currently the Senior Stick, historical photos, dolls from the Guildford Doll Collection of Historic Costume and a Home Economics beer stein and mug are displayed in the cases. You will also find treasures such as yearbooks, trophies and the well-known "Endangered Species" sweatshirt in the exhibit. In the future, other items that reflect the history of the College will be featured in the cases on a rotating basis.

As for the multi-media component of the display, we have purchased the interactive touch screen computer and 47" LCD display screen and are waiting on the wiring and installation. Well designed security plans are in place!

We are also refurbishing and reframing the photos of the Home Economics Deans. These photos will have a permanent place on the wall of the Thorvaldson lobby, on one side of the glass display case, while the computer display system will be on the other.

Do you have memorabilia you're interested in donating for the College of Home Economics display? We'd like to hear from you!

Contact Lisa Green at [lisa.green@usask.ca](mailto:lisa.green@usask.ca) to let us know about items you'd be willing to contribute.

## ALUMNI PROFILES

The alumni from the College of Home Economics are pretty amazing – each year we will profile a few individuals and share their amazing stories with you.

### A Life of Service

#### [Helen Hughes, BSHEc 1954](#)

The 2009 Leadership Victoria *Lifetime Achievement Award* is the latest in a string of accolades Helen has accumulated over the years; she has devoted her life to public service.

Helen shared the honor with her husband, Ted Hughes, a University of Saskatchewan law graduate who has been equally generous in serving the public. The former Judge, Deputy Attorney General and Chief Federal Treaty Negotiator for B.C. retired in March as Chief Adjudicator of Indian Residential School Resolution Canada.



Helen and Ted will receive the award on February 5, 2009. This is the third time they have received simultaneous awards; at the 2008 National Philanthropy Day in Victoria, BC they were presented with the *Generosity of Spirit Award*, and they were awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Victoria in 2005.

Helen was born in Vancouver and came to Saskatoon in 1950 where her father had accepted a position as an Anglican minister. She enrolled in the College of Home Economics, graduated and married Ted in 1954, then continued working with Dean Hope Hunt until 1955. She has been working to help others ever since.

Helen's volunteerism began with the Canadian Association of Consumers in Saskatoon where she worked with other home economists on labeling issues that resulted in regulations we now take for granted. When the third of her four children developed severe allergies, Helen worked with other parents to form the Allergy Foundation of Canada. She says food contents are more thoroughly listed now so parents can make informed decisions.

The next phase of Helen's public life was with the YWCA where she became interested in safe housing issues for young women and children. During her presidency with the YWCA she was also instrumental in establishing the Big Sisters Association in Saskatoon.

Helen began to think about expanding her horizons so she could assist more people with their problems and, in 1976, ran for the Saskatoon City Council. The highlight of her two terms in office was heading a Community Liaison Committee designed to assist aboriginal people moving from reserves to the city where they faced discrimination in education, housing, employment, recreation and human relations. Her work building bridges between native and non-native residents in the city was largely responsible for her appointment as a member of the Order of Canada in 1982.

When the Hughes moved to Victoria in 1980, Helen worked in the Ombudsman's Office and, five years later, joined the B.C. Council of Human Rights. But by 1990 she was ready to get back into civic politics and for the next 18 years served as a city councilor. Her willingness to become involved in youth and family issues made her one of the Victoria's most popular politicians and resulted in several innovative programs and events.

For example, as a member of the Victoria Public Library Board, Helen founded the Lifelong Learning Festival, held on International Literacy Day. As the councilor responsible for liaison with downtown Victoria in the 90's, she recognized the needs of youth and worked with the Medical Health Officer to organize the Capital Region Action Team on Sexually Exploited Youth. She worked with the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society to raise funds for their programs, including a summer drop-in centre and a Youth Hospitality Training Centre and initiated a massive spring cleaning of the whole downtown area called the 60 Minute Scrub Up. Through her membership on the Family Court Committee, reports on youth in custody and family related matters were implemented, resulting in the incorporation of a mental health clinic in a city school.

Although she recently retired from city council, Helen says she'll continue volunteering because "you receive a lot back when you give your time...one never works in isolation, you always work as a team. If everybody helps out a bit it makes good things happen."

## **An Educator with a Mission**

### [Judy Buzowetsky, BSHEc 1967](#)

Judy Buzowetsky was born and raised at Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan where she received her elementary and high school education. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Distinction) and Bachelor of Education (Distinction). She has also taken a number of classes at the Master's level from North Dakota State University.



Judy has thirty-four years of teaching experience, 31 of which were at Weyburn Junior High School teaching Grade 8 and 9 Home Economics. She retired from teaching in 1998. She is currently an owner/part operator of a grain farm in the Blaine Lake district.

Judy has held numerous positions in teacher organizations at the local, provincial and national level, has been involved in curriculum development and was an active member of the Saskatchewan Home Economics Teacher's Association. She has also volunteered her time on numerous boards and committees in her community and provincially. Judy currently serves on the Cultural Advisory Committee of Saskculture and is President of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Weyburn Club.

Judy is the recipient of many volunteer and service awards, including the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal from the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. Most recently, Judy was named a Life Member of SHETA.

Judy served on the University of Saskatchewan Senate as an elected member from 1997 to 2003. She was a member of the Senate Executive Committee from 2001 to 2003 and is currently serving her second term on the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors. In 2007, Judy was a candidate for the position of Chancellor of the U of S.

## **Entrepreneurial Spirit**

### [Linda Braun, BSHEc '76](#)

Linda Braun was born and raised in Lampman, Saskatchewan where her family operated a mixed farm. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1976. (added space between paragraphs)

After graduation Linda worked with the Saskatchewan Pork Council for six years as the Home Economics Consultant. In this role she developed promotion materials and provided consumer education relating to pork consumption.



The primary expectation for graduates with a Home Economics degree during the 1980's was to teach or work for the government home economics departments. Instead, in 1982, Linda took her personal drive, business sense and strong communication skills and created Braun-Lloyd Consultants Ltd. Advertising and promotion, event planning, recipe and cookbook development, and teaching adult education courses were the primary activities of this business.

In 1987 Linda created Food Focus Saskatoon, Inc. with three other partners. One of the first consulting companies of its kind, Food Focus expounds the merits of and links between food and agriculture. The company provides promotional and organizational services, and is now recognized for its dedication to the food and agriculture industries. Amongst Food Focus's client base are the Canadian Bison Association (food styling), the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission and the Saskatchewan Turkey Marketing Board.

Currently, Linda, through Food Focus, is the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission. Linda's entrepreneurship is commendable; even more significant in that, at the time, few women operated their own business, especially in the male dominated field of agriculture. Linda is also a strong promoter and Director on the Board of Agriculture in the Classroom, a program dedicated to educating Saskatchewan youth.

Linda's dedication to professionalism is not only seen in the work that she does but in her active role in the Association for Saskatchewan Home Economics (ASHE). She has held many positions within ASHE, including that of President. She has also served as President of the Saskatoon Branch of ASHE and as a Director on the Board of CACL. Linda recognizes the importance of professional associations – she has often taken the tough stances necessary for the organization to move forward. On all fronts, Linda is unafraid to choose and speak out for the difficult courses if it is for the betterment of any organization.

Linda has had an impact on women around the globe. As a member of the International Development Committee of the Saskatoon Branch - ASHE, she was involved in providing desperately needed reference material on the basics of food, clothing and household management to women in Ghana. She also served as Chair of International Development workshops and seminars on a national level.

In 1999 Linda was chosen to participate in the first Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (CALL) Program. Applicants are selected for their leadership qualities, dedication, foresight, and understanding of agriculture. Linda currently acts as chair of the CALL alumni. In addition, she has continued her professional development by participating in the Agribusiness Management Development Program at the University of Saskatchewan.

In 1992 Linda was the recipient of a Canadian Home Economics Association Federation Award. In 2003 Linda's leadership was recognized when she was nominated for the YWCA Women of the Year Award in the field of Women in the Professions. Linda is married to Murray and has two daughters – Allison and Nicole.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

*In November, we asked you to send us any news you would like to share and we were overwhelmed with your responses. We have chosen a few responses for this section at random. If your update isn't here, please know we deeply appreciated hearing from you and hope you will continue to update us on the happenings in your life.*

### **New Address**

[Faye McGeachy, BSHEc 1962, BEd 1968](#), announces she has moved to Oliver, BC. Her mailing address is: RR2 Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

## Retirement

*Congratulations to those who have retired within the last year. We hope you enjoy your new lives as retirees!*

[Janet Ross \(Jensen\), BSHEc 1968](#), retired after 12 years as the President & CEO of Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg, ON in November 2008. (pictured here with here family – in the red dress)



[Sandra Dobson \(Nelson\), BSHEc 1970](#), retired in March 2006 from her positions as Director of her local Health Centre and Manager of Support Services within her Regional Hospital. She is now enjoying time with her grandchildren, curling, golfing and trips south in the winter.

[Donna Towers, BSHEc 1975, \(MHSA,CHE\)](#) recently retired from her position as Vice President and Chief Liaison Officer with Capital Health in Edmonton, AB. Donna has opened her own health care management consulting company and plans on working part-time after 35 years in the health system.

## Travel

[Kathryn Kemp \(Driol\), BSHEc 1973](#) – “After many years of dreaming and planning, my husband and I depart (August 2008) for 15 months of living from the trunk of a Miata, and selected cottages and apartments, in Europe. We have rented our home in Summerland, shipped our black and tan Miata to Hamburg for pick-up in September, will spend August in the UK with friends and family and visiting Ireland, and then start a counter-clockwise trip around Europe, hoping to get as far east as Turkey. By the time I get your next newsletter, we should be spending the month of February in Sicily. We can’t believe that it’s coming true! Find us at: <http://thekempsgreatadventure.blogspot.com/>.”

[Willette Neijmeijer, BSHEc 1986, BEd 1987](#) – Willette teaches the grade 8 Home Economics program at Pleasant Hill Community School in Saskatoon and has will be leaving for a spring trek (2009) in Nepal. “I’ve never been in Asia so the exposure to another culture, customs and the challenges of trekking in the Himalaya will be both physical and mental.” Have a great time Willette!

## Congratulations

[Lisa Lix \(Knoblauch\), BSHEc 1988, \(MSc, PhD\)](#), was appointed as the first Centennial Chair of the new School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan on July 1, 2008. Prior to joining the University of Saskatchewan, Lisa was on faculty in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba.

[Joanne Smith, BSHEc 1988](#), is a co-author of the bestselling cookbook *The Big Cook*. About 11 years ago, when their families were growing at a rapid rate, Joanne and two friends used to get together about three times a year to prepare over 200 meals at a time. The meals were frozen for cooking over several weeks.

They had so many people ask how they managed the task, they wrote *The Big Cook* in 2006 (see also the website [www.thebigcook.com](http://www.thebigcook.com)). In June 2007, Joanne and her co-authors were awarded the Kraft Canada/Dietitians of Canada “Speaking of Food and Health Eating” award for their region.

The book is in its third print run and Joanne will be in Saskatoon speaking at the Womens’ Conference on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and will be at Costco for a book signing on Friday evening, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

[Barb Sanderson, BSHEc 1974, BEd 1976, MEd 2004](#), became a Certified Canadian Counsellor in 2005 and a Registered Psychologist in 2008. Barb also became a grandmother: Grandsons Reid and Leif were both welcomed into the world by their families in October, 2008.



[Fay Myers, BSHEc 1981, BEd 1982, MEd 1994](#), received her Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration in November 2007 from the University of Calgary. Fay is currently the President of Parkland College in Melville, SK.



[Mary Brooke, BSHEc 1981](#) owns and operates her own book and magazine publishing company, *Brookeline Publishing House Inc.* ([www.brookeline.com](http://www.brookeline.com)). In November 2008, Brookeline launched a new current issues magazine in Sooke, BC. The quarterly *MapleLine Magazine* covers regional and national issues through the lens of living in a small westcoast community that is undergoing rapid growth.

### [An update on Sylvia Cholidnuik, BSHEc 1985](#)

Last year we profiled Sylvia Cholidnuik in our ALUMNI NEWS section. Sylvia was the winner of the U of S Alumni Association’s Humanitarian Award in 2007 for her work in Zimbabwe. Sylvia returned to Zimbabwe in the summer of ’08 and came home from that trip committed to finding a way to send a container of hospital equipment, medical supplies and school supplies to the village she works in, Tshelanyemba.

ASHE Saskatoon donated \$500 towards Sylvia’s project to help her provide teacher supplies. **Here’s Sylvia’s reply to the association members:**



*“Hello fellow Home Economists!*

*THANK YOU so much for supporting my container project for Zimbabwe! Your donation will go a long way towards supporting teachers in the Tshelanyemba area of Zimbabwe. There are 3 primary schools that I work closely with – Tshelanyemba, Sun Yet Sen and Mazwi Primary Schools which educate over 1000 children. I will put the money toward teacher resources including markers, Bristol board, pens, rulers, chalk, some ESL resources, heavy duty coil scribblers for lesson planning, flash cards, stickers, resources on the solar system, health, nutrition, world maps, etc.*

*Life in Zimbabwe is really challenging at the moment - teacher’s salaries do not cover even their most basic needs. This summer I had a teacher tell me that “bread is a luxury we can no longer afford”. That, along with many other quotes, still rattles around in my brain and makes me ask what I can do to help and to let people there see that they are not forgotten...Well this container project is going to go a long way in sending that message! No, it won’t solve the crisis but I do believe that it will bring some relief and hope.*

*I’ve had numerous people in Tshelanyemba tell me about the strength they receive in knowing that there are people half way around the world thinking about them and helping them in any way they can. It’s been hard for me to comprehend that a gesture such as me showing up in Zimbabwe this summer can transcend into hope and strength.*

*Despite the fact that I have been going to Zimbabwe since 1992, I had no point of reference to prepare me for what I encountered on this trip. I was definitely challenged at every level of my being this past summer and I am thankful I made the trip. I do not believe I could have comprehended the magnitude of what’s happened in Zimbabwe since I was last there in 2006 had I not seen it with my own eyes. So yes, I do believe that things like this container WILL make a difference and that it WILL give hope.*

*Thanks again for supporting my efforts in Zimbabwe! If you have any questions, please email me at [sylvia.cholodnuik@usask.ca](mailto:sylvia.cholodnuik@usask.ca).*

For more information on the Tshelanyemba container project please check out the website at [www.tshelanyemba.net](http://www.tshelanyemba.net).

### **A TEAM of Home Economists**

A determination to make use of their home economics education led four rural Saskatchewan home economists to form *TEAM Resources* sixteen years ago.

Jodie Mirosovsky and Betty Ann Deobald had attended the Canadian Home Economics conference in Saskatoon in 1992 and came home feeling that if there was a need for rural home economists in Alberta, there was also a need in Saskatchewan. They wanted to try to fill the gap at a local level. In meeting with Barb Sanderson and Alma Copeland they discovered they all had a desire to write and that a consumer, family focused column might be a good place to start.

In addition to them all being University of Saskatchewan College of Home Economics graduates; Jodie '89, Barb '74, Betty Ann '73 and Alma '61, they all were involved in farming, giving them deep rural roots and a high priority on family.

The name *TEAM Resources* represents the resources all individuals and families have – Time, Talents, Energy, Attitudes and Money. Family resource management education became the group's focus.

Writing a “How Do You Manage?” column for the local Rosetown *Eagle* newspaper was their beginning and what they have continued to do for 16 years, these columns have been used by various other weekly papers through the years. In 1996 they accepted a Western Producer contract to write Emmie Oddie's “*I'd like to Know*” column, when she retired.

Their *TEAM Resources* column in the farm living section of the *Western Producer* has a casual, chatty approach that shares events in their lives with the reader. There is a focus on recipes and healthy eating with a sprinkling of consumer information, family finance, parenting, crafts, interior decorating and gardening information along with a strong undercurrent of the importance of the family and family traditions.

In addition to their writing, the *TEAM* members have taken on a variety of contracts including recipe testing for the *Pulse Potential* cookbook, community college, health district and economic development agency classes in money management, budgeting, grocery shopping, Christmas planning and decorating.

*TEAM Resources* occupies only a small portion in their busy lives as they are all involved in family farms, and work in a variety of other jobs as well as numerous community volunteer efforts. Family, including children and now grandchildren take priority. Through the years when it was time to write a *TEAM* column life was balanced to meet the commitment.

Jodie, Barb, Betty Ann and Alma continue to gain much enjoyment and satisfaction from their work with *TEAM Resources* and the appreciative comments from their readers' confirm that they are meeting their reader's needs.

*Submitted by Betty Ann Deobald on behalf of TEAM Resources*

## **CLASS REUNIONS**

We know that many classes have gotten together for reunions over the years. It is wonderful to keep in touch, to hear what everyone is doing and to follow the changes in the lives of classmates.

## **Upcoming Reunions:**

### All Years Reunion

In celebration of the completion of the College of Home Economics display, the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition is hosting an **All Years Reunion on Friday, June 19 2009.** This is in conjunction with the University's annual Alumni Reunion weekend. Please see the Alumni Relations website for details of their weekend program at [http://www.usask.ca/alumni/stay\\_connected/reunions/index.html](http://www.usask.ca/alumni/stay_connected/reunions/index.html)

The completion of all three features of the display area ensures that the College of Home Economics will have a permanent place in the history of the University of Saskatchewan.

If you are interested in participating in the All Years Reunion please contact Lisa Green at the contact information on the last page.

### The Class of 1954

The Home Economics Class of 1954 will explore Saskatchewan history when they celebrate their 55th year since graduation at Cypress Hills Provincial Park **August 25-27.** They will visit Fort Walsh and Farwell's Trading post, as well as catch up on fellow classmates.

### The Class of 1959 is hosting their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

Sandra Wismer and Gwenna Moss are looking for classmates to join them for this major milestone. The reunion will be held **June 19 and 20 in Saskatoon.** Please let Gwenna know if you will be able to join them for a weekend of reminiscing, catching up, and seeing the many changes on our beautiful campus. Gwenna can be reached by email at [gmoss@mts.net](mailto:gmoss@mts.net).

### The Class of 1979 celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

We invite you to join your classmates in Saskatoon on **May 8th to 10th, 2009** to celebrate this milestone. Several events are planned including a wine and cheese, fitness activity, campus tour, supper and brunch. For information please contact: Cindy von Hagen (Owen) at 416-917-4451 or [cindyvonhagen@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cindyvonhagen@hawaii.rr.com)

## **Honoured Years Reunion**

Each year in June, the University Alumni Office organizes a Reunion Weekend for the *Honoured Years*, classes who graduated 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years ago. Eight members of the Class of 1948 and seven members of the Class of 1958 attended this past June.

If you are interested in organizing a reunion for your year please contact Tara Mything in the University Alumni Office. She would be pleased to help you, including locating and making contact with your classmates.

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**We'd love to post news of your class reunion in future issues of the Newsletter. Please send us a write-up and a photo from your event!**

## **HAPPENINGS IN STUDENT EDUCATION**

### Division of Nutrition and Dietetics in the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition

#### *Nutrition and Dietetics Education*

The demand for the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition program continues to be strong and the 2008-09 academic year was no exception, with 86 applications for 28 places in Year 1. The strong interest is a reflection of the outstanding program offered to our students and it has been recognized by the Province of Saskatchewan with funds to expand the clinical capacity of the program. The professional experience (internship), required for graduates to obtain professional registration is incorporated within the four year degree. The program is a partnership between the College and the Regina Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon Health Regions, with participation of affiliated health regions, tribal councils and agencies throughout the province and elsewhere.

### College of Education: Home Economics Teacher Education Program

The Home Economics Education program continues to prepare students to teach high school Home Economics programs. The interest in the program remains strong – this year there were 40 applicants with 17 students being admitted to the program. Two of these students already have Home Economics degrees.

Dr. Bev Pain and Marion Murawsky continue as faculty in the program. Dr Pain has expressed a strong appreciation for the donations that have been made over the years to the Canadian Home Economics Foundation, University of Saskatchewan Teacher Education Fund. Bev feels that this financial support is one of the key reasons that a quality Home Economics Education program exists to this day. Donations have been used over the years to ensure that the small equipment and appliances in the Home Ec lab stays up to date.

The College of Education is currently undergoing a process of program renewal. It is an exciting time for everyone as a new direction is charted. Dr Vivian Hajnal, Acting Dean, has revived the PAA (Practical and Applied Arts, which includes Home Economics) Task Force, and is looking at the possibility of moving the Home Ec Education program into the College of Education building. The need for more PAA trained teachers in our

province has been brought forward to the College of Education by a number of concerned groups.

### Hannon Scholarships

There is a wonderful scholarship Trust at the University – established many years ago by Regina Judge JW Hannon in honour of his father, the Reverend James Hannon. In addition to providing academic scholarships to students in English, Home Economics Education, Nutrition and Theology, six Travel Scholarships are available each year to students in these disciplines. The Judge's will states that the "candidate is to be turned loose to see some corner of the earth in his or her own way." This year, Hannon Travel Scholarships were awarded to three graduating Nutrition students: Cathryn Abrametz will travel to Rabat, Morocco to volunteer with community development and nutrition organizations; Leigha Mund will be doing community outreach in Ukraine; and Orina Wilson will be travelling and volunteering with Cross Cultural Solutions in Tanzania. The first Hannon Travel Scholarship was awarded in 1969.

## **HOME ECONOMICS IN SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Canadian Symposium X**

March 27- 29, 2009

Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon

This year, Saskatoon is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual symposium for Home Economics/Family Studies Educators across Canada. The symposium provides a forum for sharing information, research and action planning to strengthen the future of home economics/family studies education.

At the symposium, home economics/family studies educators present on relevant issues such as the use of technology in the classroom; health and wellness issues such as the new *Canada's Good Guide*; promoting home economics/family studies programs to parents, students and the community; integrating family studies into the primary/junior classroom; and how global issues can be addressed in the home economics/family studies classroom.

For more information on the call for proposals for the symposium, the program and how to register, see the symposium website at: <http://www.canadiansymposium.org/>.

### **The Emmie Oddie Website**

The Emmie Oddie Website ([www.homefamily.net](http://www.homefamily.net)) was established by the Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists (ASHE) through the Canadian Home Economics Foundation in recognition of Emmie Ducie Oddie, a home economist and writer for *The Western Producer*, as a way of continuing her lifelong work of providing factual, well-researched information on home economics topics. Homefamily.net went online in September, 1999 and continues to this day.

## Special Anniversaries

Congratulations to the Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists (ASHE) on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to the Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers Association (SHETA) on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

*Photo:* Gayleen Turner, President ASHE & AnnaLee Fuhr, President SHETA prepare to cut the celebratory cake at the ASHE/SHETA Conference, October 2- 4, 2008



## Edith Rowles Simpson Family Finance Award

The Dr Edith Rowles Simpson Family Finance Award is a unique award established by the Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists (ASHE) along with friends and colleagues of the former dean. The Canadian Home Economics Foundation (CHEF) administers the fund and an ASHE committee screens applications and recommends recipients.

Through the years individual awards have been made to enable home economists to attend conferences, take courses toward various certificates, and to produce educational materials. Groups have received grants for organizing in-service staff training events, providing speakers for a professional association meeting, and convening a seminar/conference of professionals working in family finance.



For individuals, the amount of the award is up to \$1,000. For groups, the committee may award more than \$1,000 depending on the nature of the project. More than one award may be made as funds permit.

Applicants must be Canadian home economists or permanent residents with a commitment to work in the area of family finance and who plan to pursue their careers in Canada. Graduate students are eligible to apply; the committee would prefer applications for a specific project (e.g. attendance at a scholarly or professional conference related to family finance) rather than general applications to support graduate study.

Deadline for applications is June 30 with a decision by the selection committee to be made by August 15.

For more information on previous award recipients and the application procedure go to <http://www.homefamily.net> and click on 'awards', or contact: Gwenna Moss, a member of the Edith Rowles Simpson Recognition Fund Committee by e-mail: [gmoss@mts.net](mailto:gmoss@mts.net) or phone/fax: 204-895-8016.

## Stories Wanted: Home Economics Extension

Alumni are invited to contribute to a project on the history of home economics extension in the University of Saskatchewan's Extension Department/Division. If you were involved in Extension programs for girls or women, we are interested in your story. The first edition of a booklet was circulated to former staff over the summer. The project is now collecting reminiscences and stories for the second edition. The booklet records the milestones of home economics extension through the years and tells the stories of the women and girls involved in its programs – staff, 4-H members and leaders, farm girls' campers, judges, Homemakers.

The project is coordinated by Gwenna Moss (BScHEc '59), Professor Emerita of Extension, with assistance from Henrietta Mackay Goplen (BScHEc '54), Thelma Howard (BScHEc '57), and Glenora Pearce Slimmon (BHS 1947). Contact Gwenna if you want more information, or have some memories to share: [gmoos@mts.net](mailto:gmoos@mts.net).

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that we list those alumni who have passed away during the period November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list, we acknowledge that errors may have occurred. If the name of your loved one has been omitted, or listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apology and send any corrections to Lisa Green at the contact information below.



Grace Findlay (Weatherilt)	1934	Bachelor of Household Science
Rosaline Shandro (Mushynski)	1934	Bachelor of Household Science
Edith Riddell (Keeler)	1935	Bachelor of Household Science
Florence Burch (Hames)	1936	Bachelor of Household Science
Evelyn Cooper (Carey)	1938	Bachelor of Household Science
Jean Wenhardt (Oddie)	1941	Bachelor of Household Science
Shirley Pinder (Hughes)	1942	Bachelor of Household Science
Shirley Kerr (Jenn)	1949	Bachelor of Household Science
Fran Metherell (McPherson)	1973	Bachelor of Science in Home Economics
Joanne Schweitzer (Condon)	1983	Bachelor of Science in Home Economics

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We look forward to hearing about important events in your life, and receiving your feedback on the newsletter. Please send by email, fax or mail to:

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