

CENTURY CLUB CONNECTIONS



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Hildegarde Keller

March 18, 2019 is a milestone birthday for me, the centennial year, 100 years old. My family is planning a party in recognition of this special day.

I was born into a business family in Rhein, Saskatchewan, the second oldest of ten children. After a huge fire destroyed most of the businesses on the main street in Rhein, we moved into Yorkton where dad pursued his meat and grocery business and I was introduced to the meat business. I learned the trade and became a meat cutter. We grew into a full line meat and grocery business, Propp's Foodeteria and when my brothers came back from the war; they expanded it to include Midwest Packers. Some of my family are still involved in the company, which is now called Harvest Meats.

In 1942, I moved to Regina where I met a handsome soldier, Jack Keller at a church recreation evening for the young people. We played games, and enjoyed being together. We were married in Regina, and before the year was up, Jack was sent to Europe with the Intelligence Corps. Our first daughter was born after Jack left, so I returned to Yorkton to work in the family business. Besides my husband, I had three of my oldest brothers in Europe. The only means of communication with the men was by surface mail. Jack's letters were always censored because of his position with intelligence, and were often delayed for weeks at a time. Our family was so grateful that all four men were able to return alive at the end of the war.

When Jack returned after the war, we started life again. While he studied at the U of S, I had a home-based business making costume jewelry so I was able to be a stay-at-home mom to Elaine, Pat and Ron.

We moved to Saskatoon in 1959, and have lived here since. I loved gardening and have canned many jars of vegetables and fruit for the winter. Other hobbies are reading, painting oils and water colour, sewing, music and knitting. I have made many shawls and sweaters and mitts for the grandchildren. Business and politics are other interests.

Our children have grown and have given us 7 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Jack passed away in 2004, and I bought a condo in Elim Lodge on 8th Street. I have had many friends in the lodge and there is a group of us who travel together to enjoy the Century Club events.

I miss Jack, but I know that someday I will see him again in a grand reunion in Heaven.



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At the Halloween tea, Jean MacPherson happened to sit across from Grace Tannahill. They started talking and it turns out that Grace's father was the minister that had married Jean and her husband Donald MacPherson on April 17, 1946 in Prince Albert, Sask.

Beware of Phone Scams Claiming to Be from the CRA

(source of information: cbc.ca/marketplace)

In September, CBC's Marketplace did a report on scam being done under the name of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). A person receives a phone call from someone who claims to be an agent of the CRA who demands payment in the thousands of dollars for back taxes. If the payment is not made, the person is threatened with jail time. These calls originate in India and have nothing to do with the CRA.

To protect yourself from being victimized, the following information was provided:

1. If you receive such a call, hang up. The CRA will never demand money over the phone or by email.
2. You can call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281 if you receive a call that you feel is not authentic. If the CRA does call, it has security measures in place to protect your personal information.

Committee Member Feature: *Darlene Jacobson*

Darlene volunteered at her first Century Club event in June of 2005 and in September, accepted an invitation to be a member the Century Club committee.

What Darlene enjoys most about being on the committee is working with the other volunteers in the planning and attending the events. She also enjoys interacting with the members and watching their enjoyment in meeting old friends and making new ones.

Darlene is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this worthwhile organization.



Darlene Jacobson (back row, left) enjoying a visit with Century Club members from Luther Tower

"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing."

- *George Bernard*

I Remember when ...

- I got my first "Hole in One" in golf at Mesa, Arizona, Jan. 24, 1998 when I golfed with the "Desland Ladies". What a thrill at 75. Ruth S.
- Up until 1980's a chocolate bar cost 10 cents, now the same bar is \$1.39. Mary W.



January Birthdays

Jim Beveridge
Margaret Bowman
Marie Bowyer
Helen Craig
Myrtle Dixon

Audrey Hopkins
Ruby Hosaluk
Mary Matwyuk
Elizabeth McNabb
Clifford Pateman

Ruth Sandy
Frank Strange
Hazel Striker
Jean Stuart



Welcome New Members

Theresa Carson
Genevieve Ens
Lydia Harder

Gerry Jean
Elizabeth Lengyel

Bernice Thiessen
Ahaphia Zepp



Goodbye To

Rowena McLellan

Florence Tetreault

Betty Thomarat



Special Thanks

**To the following for using their vans and vehicles to transport
Century Club members to the events**

Luther Riverside Terrace
The Bentley

Preston Park 1
Family Members

Preston Park 2
Friends

NEXT CENTURY CLUB EVENT

Tuesday February 12, 2019: McClure Church Sanctuary
(expect your invitation soon)

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