



# Some Honourable Members

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved; and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!*



The first two stanzas of In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae; written in May, 1915 on the Ypres battlefield in Belgium. I cannot read this poem without having tears in my eyes: perhaps because my father was a veteran of World War II; perhaps because the recent killing of two brave military men, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo are etched in my psyche.



As we remember this time of year and our veterans from wars past and wars in the not so distant past, let us particularly remember that their sacrifices were for a better world, a better Canada, and a nation where basic freedoms are paramount.

We recently held our annual general meeting of the Association and I am reminded of a comment from Dorothy Dobbie, who is the 2014 Distinguished Service recipient: As she was giving her remarks she commented that the poppies on lapels in the room reminded her, that like former soldiers, former politicians experience a unique camaraderie and bond. We can tell each other stories that have meaning to each and know that we have a shared sense of experiences not felt by those who have not been in elected public service.



Former Speaker George Hickes understood that camaraderie. He envisioned an association where former parliamentarians who “fought” across the aisle could come together in a non- partisan forum to discuss ways to promote civics and democracy. In fact the foundation for our Association is embedded in the objects of the legislation:

- a) To put the knowledge and experience of its members at the service of parliamentary democracy in Manitoba and elsewhere;
- b) To serve the public interest by providing non-partisan support for the parliamentary system of government in Manitoba;
- c) To foster a spirit of community among former MLAs; and
- d) To foster good relations between current and former MLAs.

Our Association strives to promote these objectives through our initiatives and activities such as: partnerships with Youth Parliament of Manitoba, networking with other provincial and national parliamentary associations, our successful luncheon speaker series, this newsletter, and our Legacy project.

As I conclude my message for this Fall Newsletter, at this time of year, let us remember the sacrifices of the brave men and women, who fought for our rights and freedoms; who fought for our future; who fought for a better Canada.

*Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



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## Professor Paul Thomas – Debating the Process and Substance of The Fair Elections Bill – June 2, 2014



Paul G. Thomas, Professor Emeritus, Political Studies, University of Manitoba 's address to the Association of Former MLAs/MPs of Manitoba.

Under the general rubric of fair elections,

Professor Thomas' main focus was the Fair Elections Act, Bill C-23 (*that was*) currently before the House of Commons, but was open to discussion of other related topics such as cynicism and apathy, youth disengagement, mandatory voting, proportional representation, annual per-vote allowances in Manitoba, the role of independent officers serving legislatures etc. His perspective was broad and deep.

The three sections of his address were:

- 1) the premise that sound election laws depended on broad prior consultation to develop trust and popular legitimacy,
- 2) the process followed and the substance of the Bill met neither of these criteria,
- 3) the Bill would over time lead to administrative difficulties and political controversy in the next general election, October 15, 2015.

The Canada Elections Act is **not ordinary legislation**. It is **quasi-constitutional** in that it sets the foundation and framework for free and fair elections. The **prior consultation requirement** with election officials, formerly the practice in Canada and currently in the UK and New Zealand, to ensure such laws be neither unilateral nor partisan, was **deleted** in Bill C-23.

**The process should be a search for consensus based on evidence and practical solutions to real rather than perceived problems.** Prior consultation with Elections Canada would have advanced that goal. Instead, a motion by the NDP for cross-country hearings was defeated after a time limit was imposed

at second reading; false statements were made by a government MP about Voter Information Cards; a Question of Privilege also met with government closure; government ministers attacked the motivation, honesty, impartiality and competence of Elections Canada's CEO; closure was used in the Senate before the Commons Committee had completed its review; the more than one hundred witnesses that were heard were given short time periods that prevented discussion of actual evidence; literally hundreds of amendments were proposed with more than 25 pages accepted. All in all, this was an example of how not to formulate election laws, generate all party support or inspire public confidence.

The Harper Government's ideology positioned **political debate as a competitive process in the marketplace between private associations, rather than as a forum for debate among public institutions in the service of democracy.**

The forum might also have been used to retaliate for **past grievances** between the Conservative Party and Elections Canada



1) In 2001, as President of the National Citizens Coalition, Harper had written a letter describing officials at Elections Canada as "a bunch of jack asses" when they had fined his party for the premature release of elections results over the internet;

2) In 2007, Harper reacted to Elections Canada's allowing Muslim women to vote without removing their veils by accusing them of having become a power unto themselves that had to be reined in;

3) A third contretemps occurred when the House Leader, Peter Van Loon, alleged Elections Canada had tipped off the media when the Conservative Party Headquarters was being investigated;

4) Again, during his minority in 2008, a motion had been presented to the House declaring confidence in Elections Canada's impartiality and effectiveness, supported by all parties but the Conservatives.

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During the process leading up to the development of the Bill, the **appointment of Minister Poliviere**, a hyper-partisan and aggressive politician bent on winning, who proclaimed the Bill's perfection while sneering at any opposition, was an indication there would be no attempts to build consensus. The **Prime Minister held authoritarian control over the parliamentary caucus**, with the minister being required to report to his office on their positions. Meanwhile, the **advice of expert and experienced witnesses was ignored**.



The vigorous and substantive contributions of all three opposition parties who tried to alert the Government as to the dangers implicit in the Bill were ignored. In the end, the same Parliamentary Caucus named above was willing to accept many of the proposed amendments, indicating the Government had been forced to make some concessions. The public remained apathetic in spite of the fundamental democratic values being debated, largely because of the 247 paged Bill's highly technical nature. Polls indicated its passing did not appear to affect the PM's standing.

Mr. Thomas then proceeded to present many of the details, the **main points of contention**, and where **amendments** were accepted and improvements made. Dropped was the earlier permission granted parties to exclude from expense reporting donations from previous donors which was seen by the opposition to favour the Conservative party with its better off donors. The earlier provision that the local constituency poll supervisor be named by the party in power was also dropped to ensure more neutral administration. Firms providing Robocall services were required to register with the CRTC, a sensible provision, but the waiting period before destroying data was raised from one year to five.



The **remaining problems** were many. The major ones were:

1. The **communications role of Elections Canada**, with no evidence as to why, was restricted to the mechanics of voting, thereby eliminating their educational and outreach roles. The claim was made that responsibility for motivating people to vote should remain with the politicians and civil society in spite of the House of Commons February 17, 2004, resolution asking Elections Canada to work at motivating youth to vote, and they had been careful to play a supporting rather than dominant role in reaching out to youth..
2. Amendments were made to enable some educational outreach but only to **K-12 youth, not to colleges and universities**.
3. **Cabinet approval** would be required to do collaborative work with agencies abroad, and Treasury Board approval of research projects related to the office.

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The CEO of Elections Canada, in 1974, was given the mandate to appoint a **Commissioner of Elections**, to **investigate and prosecute violations** of the Canada Elections Act. In 2006, prosecution was transferred to the Justice Department, apparently because the Government no longer wanted a fully independent Commissioner. Bill C-23 transferred the entire office of Commissioner and its investigative function to Justice, thereby removing their capacity to criticize the Government of the day. This action was made with no evidence of bias being given. Also ignored was the need for close cooperation between Elections Canada and the Commissioner, breaking the accepted “gold standard” of separating administration of Elections from Government to ensure impartiality. process not

well suited to dealing with minor violations. There remains the lack of authority to compel testimony, a power available in most provinces, including Manitoba, but a new obligation to inform suspects if they are under investigation.

**Alleged voter fraud, and a ban on the use of Voter Information Cards and vouching to authenticate the identities of eligible voters, received the most parliamentary and media attention.** Finding the right balance between the constitutional right to vote and the integrity of the voting process is important, but so is the need to overcome the cynicism that leads to low turnout. The Neufeld report had found no evidence of fraud but did recommend the voting process be made more “user friendly”. When pressed, the minister softened his allegation to “perception of fraud” or “potential for fraud”. The ban on vouching was reversed, but restricted with extra surveillance which might be frightening to citizens distrustful of authority. The more onerous requirements for Proof of identity may remain an issue for students, on-reserve Aboriginals and residents of long-term care facilities. The new requirements may also be confusing for voters and difficult for Elections Canada to administer.



**The Bill was improved but there remain serious problems and deficiencies** Elections Canada cannot fix. Essentially, when election laws are politicized by the very political parties targeted by the rules, there is potential for conflict of interest. Public trust is also weakened when election rules and the office of Elections Canada are not perceived as fair and

neutral. The **next election** will be run under the new rules. **Afterwards**, there should be an **independent in-depth evaluation of what worked and what didn't**. Based on what they find, MPs should work together to identify **pragmatic solutions to improve Canadian electoral democracy**.



*Muriel Smith (notes based on Professor Thomas' script)*



## Youth Parliament of Manitoba



From Left to Right

Kamal Dhillon (Deputy Premier), Sylvia Kuzyk (Key note Speaker) Brent Hardy (Premier) and Mikol Markiw (Deputy Speaker))

This April's event went as smoothly as one could hope. Speaker's Night 2014 presented by the Winnipeg Free Press was not only a memorable and enjoyable evening, but also resulted in the raising of significant funds to contribute to the continued flourishing of Youth Parliament of Manitoba. The event was well attended with about 70 people in the audience including YPM members and alumni, friends and family, current and former politicians, and some prominent community members. The continued success of Speaker's Night along with stable corporate and personal donations helps YPM with outreach efforts and contributes to making our programming more accessible to disadvantaged youth. It will also allow us to offer greater compensation to our volunteer staff without whom we could not have a successful Winter Session.

We would like to thank all of those who joined us for the event on April 17<sup>th</sup> or offered their support in other ways. Of course a big thank you goes all of those who helped to make the event a reality either by planning or participating in the proceedings. We would especially like to thank Patricia Chaychuk for running the event smoothly as our Master of Ceremonies and Sylvia Kuzyk who delivered an excellent keynote address which all the attendees are sure to remember for some time. A successful event helps Youth Parliament of Manitoba maintain and expand in the pursuit of our mandate to foster amongst the youth of Manitoba an understanding of, an interest in, and an engagement with the Canadian democratic parliamentary process and, in so doing, to encourage the growth of the individual and their abilities. We are grateful to all of those who joined in making an excellent event this year and look forward to continued support as we begin preparations for the 93rd Winter Session!



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**Harvey Norman Murray Patterson (1924-2014)**

Harvey died on April 8, 2014, at Deer Lodge in Winnipeg, with his family and friends at his side. He was born on the family farm in the RM of Roland, first born of five. He finished grade eight

when his father needed him to help full time on the farm. He helped build a more successful farming operation. Despite his lack of early education, later Harvey took night courses and attained his GED (Manitoba).

In 1943, at the age of 19, Harvey enlisted in the army. After training in Barrie, ON, he was sent to the front line in Germany as a private in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He was proud of his contribution in the Second World War as well as being a Cameron and wore his blue hackle with pride. He never once missed a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Minto Armouries, home of the QOCH.



While Harvey was recuperating from a shrapnel wound in Edinburgh, he met and fell in love with Margaret Plunkett Black. They returned to Canada and resided in the Morden area. Harvey worked on various farms but moved to Winnipeg after a few years, employed as a truck driver and later with CP Express. Over the years, he worked in various positions in the community as a way of actively demonstrating his concern for the greater good. Harvey was involved in the labour movement, serving as President of the Winnipeg Labour Council in the early 1970s, chair for the province's 1970 Panel on Labour Relations and its 1971 Panel on Human Rights and Consumer affairs. In 1973, he won in Crescentwood for the NDP. In 1978, he became the Executive Secretary of the Winnipeg Labour Council. Harvey retired in the mid 1980s.

Harvey was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, in 2001., and his daughter, Rhonda in 1999, and is survived by his grandchildren, Kayla and Rajja Lecour.

(excerpt from the Winnipeg Free Press)



*“Journalism’s primary mission is to make politics “go well” so that it produces a discussion in which the polity learns more about itself, its current problems, its real divisions, its place in time, its prospects for the future.”*

-Jay Rosen, NYU journalism professor

At the spring luncheon on April 14th, 2014 Paul Samyn, Editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, gave a provocative address entitled More monologue,

less democratic dialogue. How Stephen Harper’s media game plan helps him win.

Prior to becoming the Free Press’s editor, Paul spent time on Parliament Hill as the Ottawa reporter for the Winnipeg based newspaper.

In his address, Paul provided a non partisan, objective look from a journalistic perspective of how Prime Minister Harper has successfully moved the goalposts for determining what is acceptable protocol and processes for how the Prime Minister and his government interface with the media.



Paul began his remarks by posing two questions: Does democracy need monologue or dialogue? What does Stephen Harper need?



Paul defined the terms: Monologue is a long speech made by one person, often monopolizing a conversation. Dialogue is an exchange of ideas or opinions on a particular issue, especially a political or religious issue, with a view to reaching an amicable agreement or settlement.

Paul’s thesis is that the Prime Minister knew he

needed to rewrite the rules of the games so that his monologue would dominate and ensure politics went well for his party. Paul believes the Prime Minister understands the media better than any other political leader that Paul has covered in the past 25 years. “Stephen Harper intrinsically understands that the journalism’s mission could get in the way of his government’s mission and his success as Prime Minister.”



**Paul Samyn - "More Monologue, Less Democratic Dialogue: How Stephen Harper's Media Game Helps Him Win." - April 14, 2014, Con't**

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Paul spoke to a number of tactics that the Prime Minister applies that have assisted his government in re-defining the relationship between government and the media; to the distinct advantage of the government.

Some of the tactics include:

Control the message by limiting the messengers.

The Prime Minister has kept a tight control on who from Cabinet could speak to the media. Oftentimes it was the Prime Minister who was the spokesperson. A few senior cabinet ministers were given that latitude as well (Finance Minister, the late Jim Flaherty being one example). The media, early on in the Prime Minister's mandate, never knew when cabinet days were thus creating difficulties in seeking out Ministers upon entering or leaving cabinet meetings.



Don't face the media and allow them to ask questions.

Many events where announcements are made do not allow the media to ask questions or the number of questions are limited to a few select reporters and or news outlets.

Don't let candidates talk.

By not letting candidates participate in debates during elections and not providing candidate access to the media, the Prime Minister has successfully limited any potential missteps by candidates. Although opposition and some of the public have cried fowl over this policy, the impact has not been significant. For example, in the recent by-election in Brandon-Souris Conservative candidate Larry Maguire, a former MLA and skills politician did not participate in the all-candidates debates. He still won the seat in that by-election.



Don't let media hear from real people

Members of the public who have been at Conservative Party events have been asked to leave when there is concern about ties to other political parties. Awish Aslam, a 19 year old University of Western Ontario student was kicked out of a party rally by the RCMP when she and her friend were told that they had ties to the Liberal Party. They were told they were not welcome at the event.

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Shoot the messenger if necessary

Paul gave a number of examples of individuals (staff and MPs) who have been let go from their jobs or have been criticized by the Prime Minister and his government. By distancing his government from these individuals, Stephen Harper has somewhat successfully insulated the government from bad press. High profile examples of "throwing someone under the bus" are former MP Helena Guergis and her then fiancé and also former MP, Rahim Jaffer. Guergis, once a high profile MP who sat close to the Prime Minister in question period so that cameras were often on her, fell out of favour over alleged misdeeds; she was removed from Harper's Cabinet and then expelled as a member of the Conservative caucus.

Get bigger while the media gets smaller

Paul stated that, according to the Canadian Press, the federal government employs nearly 4,000 communications staff in the public service, an increase of over 15 percent since the Conservatives took power in 2006. Data compiled by the Parliamentary Budget Office shows there were

3, 865 "information services" employees on the payroll at the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year, up by 512 since Prime Minister Harper assumed office. Many media organizations, meanwhile, have seen cutbacks to the number of staff they employ who cover Parliament Hill.

Take your own pictures and video and make the media follow you on social media

Prime Minister Harper has been very successful in using photographs and video produced by his staff and posting on social media. When these photographs are the only ones available about an event, the mainstream media is forced to use what is available. This government has successfully used social media such as twitter to announce government policies.

Paul also said that in his opinion, the only flaw in Prime Minister's media strategy thus far has been appointing members of the media to the Senate of Canada. High profile Senators Pamela Wallin and Mike Duffy were cited as examples of why this tactic may backfire on the Prime Minister. Time will tell, as the story is far from over.

Paul concluded by asking if some cracks in the Conservative caucus are appearing. He used an example of backbencher and now independent MP Brent Rathgeber who criticized the government on seeming "to prefer sound bites over sound policy." Mr. Rathgeber resigned from Caucus over his government's position on his private member's transparency bill. In Mr. Rathgeber's opinion, the government wanted to gut the private member bill by removing provisions that sought to increase transparency.

Paul summarized his remarks and said that the Prime Minister has successfully moved the goalposts in the media-government interface. He speculated about whether future governments, particularly those of a different political stripe, would continue on with Harper's strategy. Although the opposition parties have been very critical of the Harper media strategy, they have seen first hand its effectiveness.

A lively question and answer period followed Paul's remarks.

**Avis Gray**



January 2015 Luncheon Speaker—Leah Gazan

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Reserve 12 noon, Monday, January 12, 2015 on your calendar for our next lunch at the Norwood Hotel! Our speaker will be LEAH GAZAN, President, Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and Lecturer, University of Winnipeg, on the topic "Indigenous Women Leaders and Social Movements".

Leah Gazan holds a M.Ed. degree and has considerable experience in program creation and management and governance structure development. She has worked with First Nations communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. She is dedicated towards delivering programs and services to the inner city and rural

Indigenous communities. Leah is also active in a number of organizations and programs that promote social justice, including the Idle No More Movement.

**See you on January 12!**

**Lifetime  
Membership**

Life Members \$500 donation

One option for your membership contribution is a life time donation of \$500. To date, five members have taken advantage of this option. These are: Linda Asper, David Faurischou, Eugene Kostyra, Gilles Roch and Bill Uruski.

Thank you!

Please send a cheque to Marty Dolin, 140 Canora Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 1S9 should you wish to pursue this option.

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## Annual General Meeting – November 6, 2014

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On November 6, 2014, 11 AM, members gathered at the Norwood Hotel for our Association AGM. Avis Gray, President, called the meeting to order and the agenda and 2013 minutes were adopted. Avis reported on the year's activities, including a thank you to the Board of Directors for its hard work and to Diane McGifford who is now living in Victoria BC. Avis noted that the luncheon series has been successful with excellent speakers and a good turnout. The Legacy Project is moving ahead and the Association continues to publish a newsletter twice a year.

Avis praised the Youth Parliament of Manitoba with whom we work in close collaboration to host the bear pit session. Our Association also provides financial support for young parliamentarians to participate in the Parliament. Avis, Clif Evans and Muriel Smith attended the YPM April fundraiser. Avis noted that the Lieutenant Governor has invited all former MLAs to a reception at Government House on November 20, 2014.

Marty Dolin, Treasurer, reported that, as of November 1, 2014, our Association has \$5,013.60 assets. The budget year will now be the calendar year. Linda Asper noted the fall newsletter will be sent by email in the next week for the first time to save costs. Members with no email will continue to receive a hard copy.



Muriel Smith, Activities, gave a detailed report on our luncheon series and noted plans for the January 12, 2015 lunch. Doreen Dodick, Membership, reported that only 25 members have made their contribution of \$50 this year in addition to 5 life members. Your financial help is needed!

Myrna Phillips, Legacy Project, reported that Bill and Shirley Loewen have donated \$1000 to the Project. Thank you! Louis Riel School Division has agreed to partner with us on the Project which will all us to apply to the Winnipeg Foundation for a grant. Myrna thanked Lesley Hughes who was present for her ongoing work on the interviews, the

next one being Sig Enns.

Andrew Jones, Premier, spoke on behalf of Youth Parliament in thanking our Association for its collaboration. He noted that the Bear Pit session will be on December 28 afternoon. He commented on how our Association grant of \$1000 is used.

The 2015 Board of Directors was elected. It will meet on December 8 to select its officers.

At the proceedings after lunch, Honorary President and Speaker Daryl Reid spoke to the Assembly. He thanked his assistant, Michele LaPointe-Dixon, who does great work for us. Thank you to the Speaker for his ongoing support!



## In Memoriam Ceremony

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At the Association annual general meetings, we honor our colleagues with an in memoriam ceremony. Three of our colleagues left us this past year and were remembered at the ceremony held on November 6, 2014 at the conclusion of the annual general meeting.

A vase of greenery and a white stargazer lily, which represents an expression of sympathy, was displayed prominently at the front of the meeting room.

As the President spoke about each of the departed colleagues a former member placed a yellow rose in the vase in remembrance.

A yellow rose was placed by former MLA Paul Edwards on behalf of the Association in memory of Stephen Clifford Patrick, a gifted athlete, businessman, community leader, and politician



Former MLA Al Mackling placed a yellow rose in memory of Harvey Norman Murray Patterson, a farmer, proud veteran, labour movement leader, and politician.

A yellow rose was placed in the vase by former MLA Doreen Dodick in memory of Rene Ernest Toupin, a school trustee, tireless community volunteer, businessman and politician.

The yellow roses symbolize joy and friendship. We are joyful that we had the opportunity to know these fine men and work with them as they championed democracy and worked for the good of Manitobans.

We remember our friendship with these men. Whether we sat in caucus with them, sat across the aisle from them in the Legislative Assembly, or knew them through community circles, we remember.

A moment of silence concluded the In Memoriam ceremony.



## Distinguished Service Award – Dorothy Dobbie

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In March 2013, our Association Board of Directors decided to initiate the Association's Distinguished Service Award to be presented to a former

member of the Manitoba Legislature or a former Manitoba member of the Canadian Parliament.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes exceptional career contributions and achievements by a former MLAs and MPs, with an emphasis on demonstrating remarkable community service since leaving political office. The recipient must not currently be a member of the Senate, the House of Commons or the Manitoba Legislature.

At our 2013 AGM, the first Award was presented to Muriel Smith, former member of the Manitoba Legislature.

At the 2014 Annual general meetings held November 6, the Executive announced that the recipient of the second annual Distinguished Service Award was Dorothy Dobbie. Here are a few excerpts from the presentation spoken by president Avis Gray.

“When I think of gardening I imagine the fresh smell of earth, sunshine on my face, being one with nature, serenity, calmness and peace. Contrast that with the thrust and cut of the House of Commons, the chaos, the bantering, the arguing,

sometimes name calling; it is an aggressive and competitive environment.

Dorothy served in the House of Commons from 1988 to 1993 as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party.

What does gardening and politics have in common? Dorothy believed in taking a seed of an idea, nurturing it and letting it blossom into a policy or commitment that would benefit her constituents or Canadians as a whole. Growth, nurturing and sustainability are values Dorothy holds dear.

She has held numerous community and leadership roles, too numerous to mention here. Although I will mention that Dorothy was the first woman to serve as president of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce; and she was named outstanding business citizen of the year by the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce

But we are here to recognize your contributions post politician.

In 1997 she was appointed to the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council Prairie Region. She helped found Pegasus Publications Inc. in 1996 and still serves as president. She is the publisher of Manitoba Gardener, Ontario Gardener and Alberta Gardener magazines, and is an avid gardener herself. You can read Dorothy's gardening blog; hear her on radio provide her expertise on gardening.

She is involved in many city activities, including being one of the community leaders working to reinvigorate the Canadian Club of Winnipeg.

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Dorothy embraces gardening as she embraces life...questioning rigid and outdated rules, pairing new and unusual species with old favorites or introducing unheard of colour schemes.

She is a champion of local gardeners and for the city itself, understanding that green spaces should not always be stylized and formal, but places of refuge to revitalize a weary spirit.



And there are many personal stories of individuals who have benefitted from Dorothy's nurturing, her belief in their abilities and skills where she has lent a helping hand and offered them opportunities to excel. Those are the stories that are untold and are not on the written record or the formal resume. But they are important stories.

Dorothy not only loves to grow plants...she helps people to blossom...finding them the right environment, light and nourishment in which to thrive.

Dorothy is a recipient of the Community medal for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation and the Queen's Jubilee medal for community involvement. Dorothy attributes of her success in part to the love of her life, husband Glen and to her family.

Dorothy, your gift is to see an injustice, an inadequacy, or an opportunity for change, to make a better community, a better nation, a better world.

On behalf of our Association please accept the 2014 distinguished service award. “



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