



# Some Honourable Members

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everybody!

After 15 years as secretary of our Former Manitoba MLA's Association, I send this message as the newly elected President. I look forward to working with our Board of Directors to continue communication with members, sponsor activities and events and continue our strong partnership with the young women and men of Youth Parliament of Manitoba.

Congratulations to our 2016 Board of Directors who were elected at our AGM held in January 2016. Our Board has grown with several new members at large who have agreed to sit on several of our committees. Thank you for your commitment and support.

I want to thank our outgoing President, Avis Gray, who as president for the last two years had dedicated her time, leadership, hard work and commitment to our Association. As Secretary it was an honour to work with her. Avis will sit on the Board of Directors as Past President. Thank you, Avis!

I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Speaker, Daryl Reid. As Speaker, Daryl and his staff have supported our organization with the dedicated work of Michele LaPointe-Dixon. His tireless efforts as Honorary President, and Board Director, have been invaluable. Thank you, Speaker Reid.

I want to recognize a special member who passed away late December. Len Evans was a founding member of our Association, who began our newsletter "Keeping In Touch" in 2002 and continued as Editor of "Some Honourable Members" until 2012 as well as serving as President for 2 years. Len's dedication to our Association was second to none. He started our luncheon meetings, suggested guest speakers, and worked to establish our organization by an Act of the Manitoba Legislature in June of 2006. All of these achievements were based on the fact that we maintain a non-partisan organization, committed to work for all the people of Manitoba regardless of political affiliation. His memorial was held on April 10th in Brandon, attended by many former members of all political parties and many friends. Thank you, Len Evans !!!!!



Over the years, we have worked hard to establish our organization in several ways. To name some:

- Our initial founding committee
- The newsletter
- Our luncheons with guest speakers
- Our achievement award
- Our Legacy Project
- Our partnership with Youth Parliament, establishing a "Bear Pit" and reception at the Legislature December 28th since 2004/2005 along with a \$1,000.00 annual contribution
- We partnered with then Speaker George Hicks to establish the Legislative Assembly Photo Gallery
- Annual receptions hosted by the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor alternate years
- We reached out to other Provinces who have similar associations and began meeting with Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Having hosted a conference in 2013 we are working on hosting this year's conference in September 2016

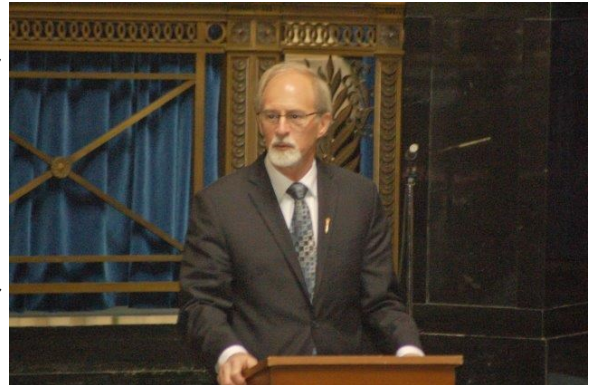
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During the 83rd Winter Session, YPM established the “Bear Pit” through a partnership with the Association of Former Members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly (AFMMLA). Occurring on the third day of Winter Session (December 28th), members from the AFMMLA are invited to the Manitoba Legislature. The purpose of this event has been to provide the youth of YPM with a better understanding of every aspect of the legislative process. A small number of Former Members sit in the centre of the Chamber comprising the “Bear Pit” and are asked a wide variety of questions on political, economic and social issues. In the process they often share stories or anecdotes pertaining to their experiences as MLAs.

For the 94th Winter Session, the Bear Pit question period was co-moderated by YPM's Speaker, Brent Hardy, as well as the current Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Daryl Reid. This year there were four former politicians who participated in the roundtable discussion as our Bears. Judy Wasylycia-Leis, former NDP MLA for the St. John's constituency and MP for Winnipeg North; Joy Smith, former Progressive Conservative MLA for the Fort Garry constituency and Conservative MP for Kildonan-St. Paul; Jerry Storie, former NDP MLA for the Flin Flon constituency; and Herold Driedger, former Liberal MLA for the Niakwa constituency.

The Bears had an opportunity to field provocative and insightful questions from the members on a range of topics including women's involvement in politics, Canada's response to climate change, levels of partisanship, changing political opinions during one's tenure in office, and universal access within the justice system. AFMMLA President Avis Gray, Treasurer Marty Dollins and former NDP MLA Muriel Smith were also in attendance, as well as YPM's current Honourary President Patricia Chaychuk (clerk of the Legislative Assembly) and Secretary Clif Evans, who also served as the Lieutenant Governor for the 94th Winter Session.



In addition to the roundtable discussion, Andrew Jones, last year's Speaker of YPM, as well as three other former YPM members were inducted into the Senate. YPM also presented its Alumni Achievement Award to Mayor of Carberry Stuart Olmstead, and its Teacher Appreciation Award to Mark Walterson, Social Studies teacher at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School. Following the Bear Pit, YPM members and friends had a chance to chat with all former MLAs in attendance at a reception held in the rotunda.

Through the cooperation and assistance of the AFMMLA, the Bear Pit has without a doubt proven to be one of YPM's most beneficial, and also most unique, events for all members at session. The Youth Parliament of Manitoba would like to thank the AFMMLA for their continued involvement and generous support of the organization and for providing members of YPM with a greater knowledge of politics and the democratic process. We look forward to hosting the event next year at our 95th Winter Session!





The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Canad Inns on Pembina Highway January 14, 2016. Over 25 members participated in the AGM. The President Avis Gray opened the meeting. Executive members presented their reports of activities over the past year. Marty Dolin presented the annual operating statement for 2015. Our fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31, a change that was made last year at the 2014 AGM. The Treasurer reported that the Association exists on a meagre budget. Increases in memberships would assist in a better bottom line. The Legacy Project is also seeking specific funding which will offset some of the Association expenses as well. The revenue for the year 2015 was \$4900. 25 while expenses were 6,393.93.



A slate of 16 members were approved to sit on the 2016 Board. The Board will meet later in the month to appoint the table officers. All Board Members were thanked for their work in the Association.

Myrna Phillips spoke passionately about the progress of the Legacy Project and with a potential for outside funding the ability to have additional former MLAs and MPs on video will be possible.

An In Memoriam ceremony was also held as part of the AGM.

Saul Cherniak was recognized at the meeting for having celebrated his 99th birthday in early January. Saul is a stalwart supporter of the Association and attends many of the events that the organization hosts.

Included in New Business was the announcement that the Association will host the 2016 meeting of the Former MLA Associations from across Canada. This will be held in September 2016. Executive members from associations come together to share ideas on fund raising, communication to members and other innovative activities.

*Avis Gray*





At the Annual General Meeting in January the Association again recognized those colleagues that had passed way during the past year. The In Memoriam was particularly poignant, as three of the five former MLAs/MPs that we paid tribute to were active members of our Association and had served on the Executive.

Avis Gray spoke to the gathering and talked about roses as being a symbol throughout the ages. An orange rose, a red rose and a blue rose served as the backdrop representing the traditional political colours of the colleagues. As each member was recognized, a yellow rose was placed in the vase. Yellow is the colour of friendship, of gladness, and that day we were glad to share memories of these five individuals and their commitment to community service. A single rose also depicts utmost devotion as was evidenced in the lives of these men and women.

Tributes were offered to:

Howard Pawley, Leonard Evans, John Harvard,  
Louis (Bud) Sherman and Inez Truman





By attending these conferences we have brought ideas from the other Associations back to our organization, one being the Legacy Project from Quebec.

Our Board of Directors and committees work very hard in making these events a success. Every former Manitoba MLA is a member of the Association. Every former Manitoba MP is an Associate Member. To continue our work we need support from all members thru membership fees and donations. Our fiscal year is January to December so memberships are now due.

Cheques should be made payable to Association of Former MLA's, c/o Marty Dolin, 140 Canora Street, Winnipeg, MB R3G 1S9. Our Website address is [www.formermanitobamla.ca](http://www.formermanitobamla.ca).

I take this opportunity to welcome to our Association the former Members of Parliament and the former Members of the Legislative Assembly who dedicated their service to the people of Manitoba.

*Respectfully,*

*Clif Evans*



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## Address by 2016 Distinguished Service Award Winner – Hon. Lloyd Axworthy

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Herold Driedger presented the award in recognition of the public service work done by the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy during and after his long and distinguished political career. His work before entering first provincial and then federal politics shaped his interests which were clearly evident both during his political career and in his later work: urban renewal, environment and human rights. He continued to pursue these interests while President of the University of Winnipeg (2004-14). His achievements in downtown redevelopment, post-secondary education, particularly for indigenous and immigrant youth, as United Nations Envoy to Ethiopia and Eritrea and later as Election Monitor in Peru, are clear examples.

While in politics, first in the Manitoba Legislature and later in the Liberal Government in Ottawa where he served in turn as Minister of Employment and Immigration, Status of Women, Transportation, Human Rights and Development, Western Diversification and Foreign Affairs, his interests and competencies were broad. He desired to serve, acted on that desire, and was called upon on to serve – a fine example of public service.

Lloyd thanked the Legacy Project for the excerpts they had just shown from the series of CDs they are producing of Manitoba politicians and said he looks forward to the completed Panorama.



He attributed his personal success to the experience of growing up in Winnipeg as a North End boy where he had the invaluable experience of living in a richly diversified community. Sharing ethnic food at his girl friend's home one night followed by roast beef and Yorkshire pudding at his own on Sunday made him realize how much a key component of our multiculturalism has been the rich varieties of food we have shared.

Expanding on this theme, Lloyd spoke of a current project he is involved in, "What Makes Society Work in Canada?" In trying to explain this to an international audience, Lloyd stated that in spite of tremendous shifts of population, a step by step approach that resolves tensions without deep divisions and conflict, has happened in Canada without

sacrificing either freedom of religion or valued traditions.

His reflections have led him to appreciate more deeply the role of the public school in making this possible. As he moved through King Edward, Lord Nelson and Isaac Newton schools, sharing football, drama, debates and trips to Keleakis, he believed he and his fellow students developed discipline within a framework of respect. Living within a wonderfully diverse community gave them a sturdy platform on which to base their future lives.

He hearkened back to his experience working in Logan Neighbourhood House where "community was a place where people prevail". He now fears the fragmentation of public schools and the barriers that still exist. Moving on to at United College in the early '60s, he realized not many of his companions from the North End were there and he wondered why. Was this because of poverty, discrimination, lack of opportunity?

Lloyd pursued answers to these questions when after years in Ottawa he was made President of the University of Winnipeg. He helped shift their mission to initiatives that would open admission to the post-secondary education. Among these were a summer camp co-sponsored by public schools for inner city youngsters, mainly aboriginal. He recently ran into Jessie, a grad from this camp, who had since graduated and was now working for the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.

He worked with government, the private sector and the university to reshape community admission policies, to open doors. One new policy piloted by Jeremy Read, and with the help of the provincial government was the waiver of tuition fees for qualified 18 year olds who had been wards of CFS but had aged out. More than 70 young people have benefited from this program, and a similar policy has been adopted by every other Canadian university, reaching more than 50,000 young people.



**Address by 2016 Distinguished Service Award  
Winner—Hon. Lloyd Axworthy - Con't**

Lloyd said he was inspired by Kevin Chief who said “Everyone deserves a tap on the shoulder”. Another policy was a Mall School, accommodating 60-70 inner city kids at a time. An academic evaluator has found that 78% of these students have moved on to university. His watchword became: “Just decide what to do and do it” to achieve equal opportunity for all.

Lloyd says his interests are eclectic, largely as a result of his years in the Manitoba Legislature when as member of a minority caucus he had to respond to 17 Departments during the Estimates process. This experience, of necessity, fostered his curiosity and greatly broadened his perspective. Human brains need not so much to specialize as to become *renaissance*. In public life, he found there were always surprises, new people, and new issues to test you.

He was working in the last election campaigning for Jim Carr, and still found it fascinating to see what was on the other side of each door. “That’s where personal trust is established”. As a result, he believes democracy in Canada is thriving and will continue to do so.

Lloyd is now approaching his new project’s question: “What has made Canada work as a community?” He maintained there has been no Grand Design, just a step by step process with a wide diversity of voices being heard. Canadian society is still deficient: no equal voice and representation for women, First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. Much work remains to be done to ensure Canada does not merely respond to the dictates of a small group of powerful people. He was touched by what John Harvard had given as a personal highlight in the Legacy project - the granting of the right to marry of same sex couples.

Michael P. Adams, in his comparative study of 18-30 year old youth in Canada and the United States found division, fragmentation, closing of doors and restrictive citizenship among the latter, while for Canadian youth those issues were no longer present. They had all been worked out. Current polls show 70% of Canadians are pro-immigration. They see it as good for economic growth, and a source of new energy and services. Manitoba has been accepting 15-20,000 immigrants per year, gradually bringing its population up to the 1 million mark.

In 1980 in the Pierre Trudeau Cabinet when he was first appointed Minister of Immigration, Lloyd recalled Ron Atkins, a veteran minister, taking him out to lunch. He said that the approach to immigration could be divisive or enabling, the latter allowing immigrants gradually to learn Canadian values without having to

give their religion or traditions. That’s what multiculturalism has brought to this country. Its political institutions work and its values have broadened community goals. On the global scene, this is a rare achievement, one of which we should be very proud.

**Discussion:**

1. Lloyd was complimented on his Globe and Mail article opposing the Federal Government’s decision to honour the previous government’s sale of military equipment to Saudi Arabia without applying the required tests for democracy and respect for human rights.
2. In response to a query re Canada’s acceptance of Syrian refugees, Lloyd expanded on the situation where millions of people are caught up in civil wars which threaten their homes and their families. While a million refugees have made their way out of North Africa this past year, there remain 200 million more waiting in the wings.
3. Asked about the current condition of diplomacy in the world, Lloyd responded that there was a real dearth of leadership and commitment to negotiation. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, is a surprising and noteworthy exception.

*Muriel Smith*



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## 2015 Distinguished Service Award –

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy

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The Association of Former Members in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly awarded its 2015 Distinguished Service Award for public and political service to Lloyd Axworthy at its AGM this past January.

In looking back over Lloyd's long career it is easy to conclude he had a penchant for public service from early on, and that urban renewal, the environment and human rights were recurring themes in how he acted on his penchant or desire to serve and influence public policy. This made him uniquely deserving of the honour bestowed.

He became a director of the Institute of Urban Affairs early in his teaching career while at the University of Winnipeg...and we've seen the result of that urban theme in his guidance of that University's growth and expansion as a downtown redevelopment hub, during his tenure there as president. While there, he also made post-secondary education more accessible to inner-city, aboriginal, new immigrant and refugee students, as well as expanding that university's outreach in areas of indigenous education, environmental studies and human rights.

These themes were also evident in his political career, which spanned 27 years – 6 at the provincial and 21 at the federal level. At the latter, when in government, he held cabinet positions – notably as Minister of or Responsible for:

Employment and Immigration,  
the Status of Women,  
Transport  
Human Resources Development,  
Western Economic Diversification, and  
Foreign Affairs.

It was in his work during this last portfolio that he became internationally known for his advancement of the human security concept, and in particular for the Ottawa Treaty banning anti-personnel landmines.

Since leaving politics he has continued adding to his record of outstanding public service – as special UN envoy for Ethiopia/Eritrea in 2004 and leading the Organization of American Nations Development Program commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor in 2008.

So you can see a desire to serve...when acted upon... leads to being called to serve. He is what we all should conceptualize when we think of what it means to be a public servant. He is truly a worthy recipient of our Distinguished Service Award for Public Service.



*Herold Driedger*



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Conrado de Regla Santos

Dr. Santos passed away on February 29, 2016, at the age of 81 years. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1981 to 1988, and again from 1990 to 2007. Conrad was the first Filipino Canadian elected in Canada

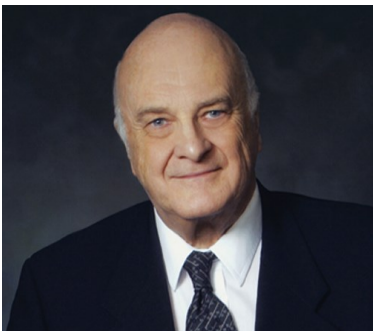
Conrad was born in the Philippines and was educated at Harvard University and the University of Michigan from which he received a Ph.D. in Political Science. He received a teaching position at the University of Manitoba in 1965 where he retired from in 2008. He was a board member of the Citizenship Council of Manitoba from 1977 to 1980.

Conrad was first elected to the legislature in 1981 as a New Democrat for Burrows and reelected in 1986.

In 1990, Santos won the NDP nomination for Broadway, won the election general election, and was elected in 1995. He then won the NDP nomination in Wellington in 1999 and was returned 2003. He was named Deputy Speaker after the elections of 1986 and 1999. Conrad left the NDP caucus shortly before the 2007 provincial election.

Dr. Santos is survived by his three children. His wife Emerita predeceased him.

**source: Wikipedia**



Howard Russell Pawley

Howard Pawley (1934- 2015) was a Canadian politician and professor who was the 18th Premier of Manitoba from 1981 to 1988.

Pawley worked as a lawyer and educator before being elected to the Manitoba legislature as the NDP MLA from Selkirk from 1969 to 1988. Howard began as Minister of Government Services and Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1969, then Attorney-General in 1973. He was the first Chair and Minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (1971-73).

Howard was elected leader of the NDP party in 1979. In 1981, he became Premier of Manitoba. His government reintroduced and entrenched French language rights, launched the giant Limestone hydro generating project and enacted changes to labour legislation. Other initiatives were changes to the Human Rights Code, pay equity, worker and environmental protection.

After 1988, Howard briefly practiced law, then became a political science professor at the University of Windsor where he taught until his retirement. He was involved in politics at all levels as well as serving on the boards of various organizations at the federal, provincial and local levels. He received a number of awards including the Order of Manitoba, Order of Canada, and the Cesar E. Chavez Award.

Howard is survived by his wife Adele and their son and daughter and their families.

**sources: Wikipedia, Windsor Star**



Clif Evans introduced David Matas, citing his studies at the University of Winnipeg and Oxford, his time with the Supreme Court and Solicitor General, involvements at the United Nations and on the Board of the Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, three federal election runs for the Liberals, many publications and receipt of the Order of Canada in 2008.

David introduced his talk with a brief glimpse into his numerous global travels “chasing up human rights issues”, followed by his attempts to answer the question “Why?” This was drawn from his recent book entitled: “Why Did You Do That? Autobiography of a Human Rights Advocate”. He then went through a number of issues trying to explain this “Why?”

He was originally motivated by the Holocaust. His immediate family had no direct experience, all four grandparents having come to Canada from Romania, Lithuania and South Ukraine respectively pre WWI. However, he was always aware that the entire families left behind had been killed. The lessons learned from the quest for justice for the Holocaust victims led him to an interest in Human Rights.

These lessons involved the need to protect human rights, the need to bring perpetrators of human rights violations to justice, and the need to protest violations of human rights wherever they occur. He first chose the path of politics, but after three unsuccessful attempts to win a seat for the Liberals in Parliament, he chose to work more on specific issues instead of commenting on the issues of the day. The one exception was the issue of South African Apartheid. Whereas lawyers are supposed to be neutral, he realized that lawyers and the entire legal system in South Africa supported Apartheid. However, once such a system had changed, he saw that appropriate laws could provide an arsenal of tools with which to promote the realization of Human Rights. This was for him an important lesson learned from advocacy.



He also came to see that Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch could be more effective human rights advocates than government sponsored agencies such as the Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. His experience there taught him that appointed Board members could become captive of interests not part of their mandate. However, he also discovered they were not as given to the in-depth research he thought was required.

David then gave a whirlwind overview of other human rights issues in which he had been involved:



Observing elections - he served in South Africa, Chile, Ukraine and Congo  
Observing foreign trials – mostly in the US, but also in Geneva, Hawaii and Tunisia

Bringing war criminals to justice – he participated in the Nuremberg trials.

He deeply regretted when these were terminated by the UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim who granted them amnesty in order to keep Germany onside with the west in the Cold War

Litigation where he often advocated change in the systemic underpinnings that to better enable human rights advocates to prosecute

Refugee Law – in cases for the Tamils in Sri Lanka and for Iranian refugees from Iraq, he would go beyond individual cases to address underlying policy issues

Hate Speech – many debates and cases where he worked for prohibition; he and Alan Borovoy took part in a series of cross-country debates after which each wrote an opposing book on the subject

Anti-Zionism - he saw this as an attempt to delegitimize the victims when the real causes lay in earlier failures of many countries to deal with their displaced populations. Similar situations occurred with Malaysians in Indonesia and displaced Palestinians in Israel.

General action for Human Rights – This would involve detailed and thorough investigation rather than simply sending letters. He covered apartheid in South Africa and promoted a Legal Aid Fund in Africa. In helping to roll back the Iron Curtain where there had been no post-WWI peace treaty, he discovered there had been a 1975 East-West Agreement on Human Rights. Through the resulting International Centre for Human Rights, with Irwin Cotler, he used that treaty to try to help Russian dissident Sharansky to hold the Russian Government to account. There were similar such cases in Yugoslavia, Poland and Russia

Falun Gong – a movement founded in 1992 and oppressed by the Chinese Government, in 1999, asked him to investigate. His research showed their complaints were justified. He wrote two books on his experience and is continuing to investigate

Death Penalty – with Amnesty International he conducted a mock trial in Boston

Extradition of an under age Canadian citizen to the US Child Pornography in Central America – David gave speeches and was involved in court cases. Those would raise the issue of territoriality

Wallenberg – A Swedish diplomat stationed in Hungary during WWII, was reputed to have saved 100,000 Jews. David was trying with colleagues to find out what happened when the Soviets arrived. He spoke on the issue, wrote articles, took cases to court and later participated in the making of a documentary.

David concluded by referring us all to his book (a recommendation I heartily endorse as I purchased the book and am finding it clear, far-reaching and very persuasive – a must read for anyone interested in the unfolding of human rights law, particularly in its international dimensions. He clarified for me many of the legal points that can be puzzling to a layperson. - MS.).



**Discussion:**

Q. Could appropriate Hate Speech legislation in Canada still prevent a Keegstra from speaking from a pulpit?

A. Internationally, the prosecution of Nazi war criminals was seen as propaganda or hate speech it was stopped, leaving the victims without Justice. In Canada, the prosecution of hate speech or incitement behaviour requires approval by the Attorney-General. However, another route was found whereby the Attorney-General could become the prosecutor, and the jury could base their decision on facts, not suspicion, thereby side-stepping the finding guilt test of “beyond reasonable doubt”. The Supreme Court later decided this process was unconstitutional. In another case, an Immigration Court sentenced a man to jail based on his wife’s evidence. This finding would have been disqualified in a regular court. While the ultimate message from such cases may simply be “Don’t do it”, having the prosecution heard is at least better than what occurred under the Weimar Republic when no prosecution was possible.

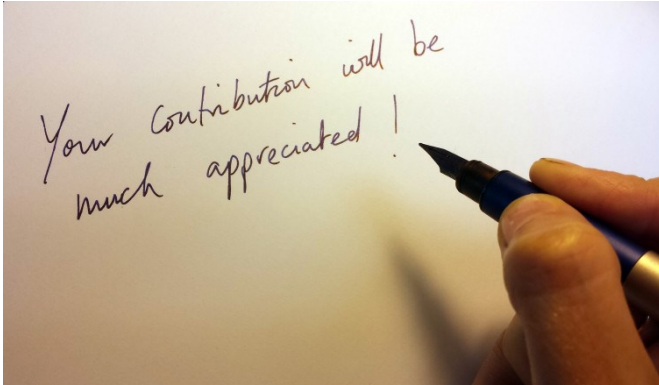
Questioned about the World Conference on Human Rights in Durban, David said that at meetings focused on attacking Israel, he tried an anti-apartheid approach, claiming a global sanction against Israel was like a Nazi strategy. There is a lot of ambivalence in attitudes towards Gaza and the West Bank. UN resolutions speak of “occupation”. In his opinion, anti-zionist and anti-semitic arguments are often used in discriminatory attempts to deny people their human rights.

**Thank You**

Judy Wasylycia-Leis thanked David, citing his lifetime of courageous activity. He has brought to the question of “Why?” a calm, academic and thorough focus on Human Rights. With the whirlwind of activity his life has been, she wondered if he ever forgot his own name. He has become a globe-trotting conscience for Justice and Human Rights. At the same time, he has carried on an active practice in Winnipeg where he has been swamped with immigration and refugee cases. While MPs, both she and Anita Neville relied on him to advise and even to testify in particular cases, all of which he did pro gratis. Once, in partnership with the Roman Catholic Church, he took on Harper over health care cuts for refugees. Win or lose, he has taken on cases relevant to Human Rights. One such involved former Mayor Katz and a Chinese restaurant. She presented David with a plaque to show AFMLA’s appreciation.

**Muriel Smith**





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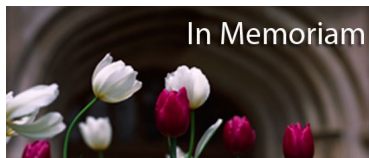


**Winnipeg Foundation Provides Grant for Association Legacy Project**

Myrna Phillips, Chair of our Legacy Project, was delighted to announce that the Winnipeg Foundation, has granted us \$7500 for the project. This money will fund the interviews on tape of some of our members for use in schools, libraries and other educational settings. To date, we have done Myrna, Sig Enns and John Harvard. We are doing this work in partnership with the Louis Riel School Division. Should you wish to contribute, you will receive a tax receipt from the school division's Foundation. Contact Myrna at 204 975 3507. To date we have received \$1000 Shirley Loewen, \$500 Sig Enns, \$200 Al Mackling, \$100 Linda Asper.

**Donations  
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John Harvard

John Harvard (1938-2016) passed away in Winnipeg on January 9, 2016, having fought cancer stoically and with hope, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife Patricia Bovey and his two daughters and son and their families.

A long journalism career earned John an ACTRA award in 1976. He worked for the CBC for 18 years.

John served in the House of Commons as a Liberal from 1988 to 2004 in the riding of Winnipeg-St. James, then Charleswood-Assiniboia. He was named Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, then to the Minister of Agriculture, and finally to the Minister of International Trade.

John became Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, serving from June 30, 2004 until August 3, 2009. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 2005. In his retirement, he was active in many causes, including Winnipeg's Social Planning Council, Winnipeg Harvest's Poverty Committee and the Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute. Harvard also was the recipient of many awards including the Order of Manitoba, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Iceland's Order of the Falcon.

John was a member of our Association's Board of Directors at the time of his death. He is missed.

***sources: Free Press & Wikipedia***



After 6 years of preparing the Association newsletter, I am handing over the reins to our two members, Herold Driedger and Jerry Storie. I wish them luck!

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to the newsletter over the years. A special thanks to Muriel Smith for her fabulous role in reporting on our lunch speakers in every newsletter. A big thank you to Michele LaPointe Dixon for her work in printing and mailing it! Another thank you to Crystal Toyne for her graphic work! Let's not forget Marty Dolin who takes pictures at our events! Merci beaucoup!

Linda Asper



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Leonard Salusbury Evans

Born and educated in Winnipeg, Len Evans (1929-2016) worked as an economist and a professor of economics before entering political life. He was a member of the Manitoba Legislature from 1969 to 1999. He was a cabinet minister in the governments of New Democratic Premiers Edward Schreyer and Howard Pawley.

In 1969, Evans was elected in the constituency of Brandon East which he represented for 30 years. He was named Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, then as Minister of Industry and Commerce. He served as opposition critic for Economic Development until returning to government in 1981 at which time he served as Minister of Community Service and Correction and Minister of Natural Resources and responsibility for the Manitoba Telephone System. He was transferred in 1983 to the Ministry of Employment Services and Economic Security.

Evans served as opposition finance critic from 1988 to 1999. After leaving politics, he was a member of the province's Public Utilities Board (2010-14) and the Board of Governors of Brandon University.

As a tribute to Len's contribution to his community, the new addition to the Assiniboine Community College's north hill campus was named The Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology.

Len was President of our Association of Former Manitoba MLAs for 2007- 09 and editor of our newsletter. He is missed.

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