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## THE PASSING OF TOM LIGHT

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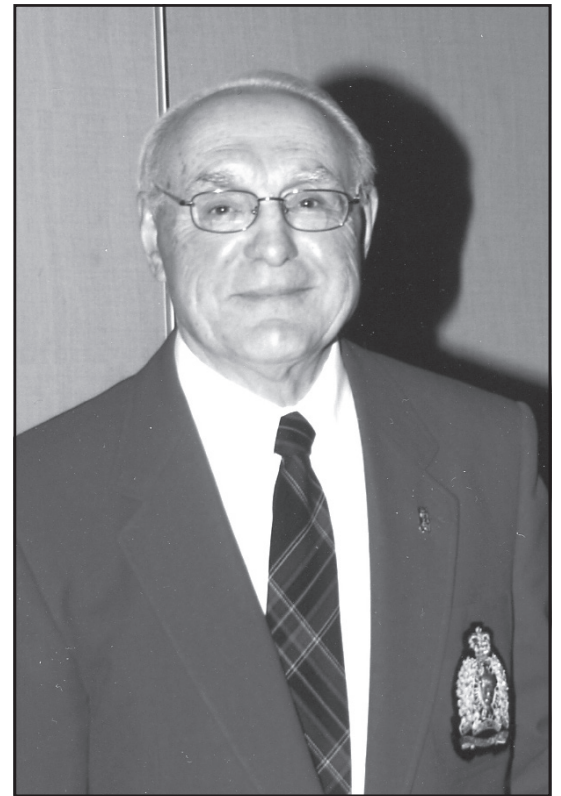
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Tom passed away peacefully on November 25, 2014 at the age of 85 years. Chief Superintendent Tom Light retired from the RCMP after 35 years of service. During his service, Tom was stationed in "F" and "D" Divisions and returned to "F" Division after being commissioned. He retired in 1983 as a Chief Superintendent. After his retirement Tom joined the *Friends* in 1993 and served on the Board until appointed President in 1999. Tom served as president of the Friends of the RCMP Heritage Centre from 1999 to 2008. As President, Tom was a guiding force and active participant in the planning and design of the new Heritage Centre, the transfer of the horse program and gift shop operation to the Centre, and the *Friends* move from the museum to the new facility. The *Friends* was Tom's life for many years. Tom will be sorely missed and our sympathy and prayers go out to Doreen and her family.

*(Information gleaned from comments made when Tom retired as President in 2008. – Editor)*



*Tom Light, President 1999 - 2008*

*Photo by Kenn Barker*

# MATCHING DONATION PROGRAM

In late 2013, to recognize and help celebrate the vision, passion and accomplishments of the *Friends*, the RCMP Heritage Centre introduced a matching program whereby corporations or individuals can join in our efforts to protect and preserve the RCMP story by making a five year pledge to match, dollar for dollar, what the *Friends* contribute to the Heritage Centre and the RCMP Historical Collections Unit. **The Mosaic Company** was the first corporation to sign up in December of 2013, and committed \$220,000

over five years to match what the *Friends* have projected to raise.

As the inaugural participant, Mosaic is joining both the Heritage Centre and *Friends* in challenging other Saskatchewan, Canadian and international corporations to pledge commitments to this program. Pledges do not have to match the *Friends* projections, or Mosaic’s commitment, but can be at the discretion of each participating donor.

Pledges are collected, and correlating recognition programs are administered, through staff at the Heritage Centre. For more information about the program, please contact Bianca McGregor, Director Strategic Partnerships at 306-737-3031 or via email at bianca.mcgregor@rcmphc.com.



*The photo at left shows Friends’ President Bob Smart presenting a cheque for \$35,000 to Al Nicholson, CEO of the RCMP Heritage Centre, on October 24, 2014. The \$35,000 is money raised through the efforts of the volunteers of the Friends. This donation will be matched by Mosaic Company through the RCMP Heritage Centre Matching Program. A big thank you to the volunteers of the Friends who have worked so hard to help generate funds to support the operations of the Heritage Centre.*

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## NOTICE OF FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the “Friends” of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Sask. Enclosed herewith is a notification of meeting with proxy and postage-paid return envelope, if you are unable to attend. Please indicate your choice of proxy and return your reply in the envelope forthwith.

# RCMP 'D' TROOP 1959/60 REUNION – A RETURN TO DEPOT

A group of 32 men came together at the RCMP Depot Division on September 8, 1959 and were formed in "D" Troop. This troop trained together, ate together, marched together, swam together, did morning stables together and lived together in a 32-man dormitory. They did everything together becoming a well-trained cohesive troop prepared to deal with any situation collectively or individually. Training was completed on April 29, 1960 with members posted across Canada. In most cases this was the last that many of the members had contact with one another until July 7 to 9, 2014 when 8 troop mates, including spouses came together in Regina from across Canada to celebrate their 55 year anniversary. Troop members Ken Fader and Wayne Horrocks made the Depot arrangements with the theme "A Return To Depot".

The Troop visited Depot on the 7th and 8th. Cpls Allana Graham and Sean Chiddenton, both current Depot Instructors, acted as the Troop escorts. The Troop attended two Sgt. Major's noon-day parades and were Guests of Honor at the Sunset Retreat Ceremony on the evening of the 8th. The trip was most informative as there have been many changes to Depot in 55 years. Some of the changes included: no more

equitation, many new buildings with the cadets having their own rooms, a new modern Mess to which the members of D Troop we're invited for lunch, a new indoor shooting range and the use of scenario based training. D Troop also attended the new RCMP Heritage Center which opened in 2007 and now houses the very large RCMP Historical Collections Unit.

Al Farrell highly recommends this venue for anyone considering a troop reunion as there is so much to do and see.

Members of D Troop and their wives who were in attendance were: K.A. Fader and Joyce, A.E.O. Farrell and Janet, J.W. Horrocks and Anne, D.B. Hudson and Rosalie, F.P. Kelly and Lynette, G.P. Macdonald and Jacqueline, R.D. Nelson and Marlene, and V.U. Kalnins.

Troop mates not able to attend: T.L. Barro, R. Chaytor, L.L. Bennett, H.H. Enns, J.A. Patafie, R.F. Peterson, B.J. Rainbow, K.M. St. Clair, A.W. Kay, R.H. Hamilton, R.C. King, E.A. Lewis, G.E.M. Pederson and R.F. MacAulay.

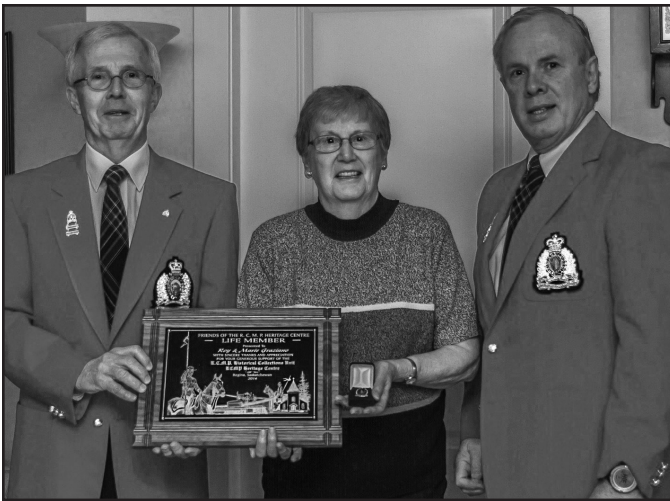
Deceased troop members: J.R. Munroe, D.R.S. Hughes. E.J. Hounsell, R.T. Ross, W.H.M. Young, D.E. Leroux, L.E. Bennion, R.A. MacAlister, D.J. Howard, and B.M. Johanson who was killed on duty.

*Division information and photo supplied by Al Farrell and edited for the 'Notes' by Murray Klatt, editor.*

*Happy New Year  
to all  
our 'Friends'!*



# LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS



Sheldon Boles and Keith Leishman of Vancouver Division Veterans' Association presented **Marie Graziano** with a life member plaque from the RCMP Heritage Centre on November 26, 2014 at her residence in Surrey, B.C. Some quality time was spent reminiscing about the time she and Roy spent in the Force. Keith Leishman (left) is President and Sheldon Boles (right) is Director of Communications & Outreach, Vancouver Division, RCMP Veterans' Association.

*Photo: Sheldon Boles*

On December 12, 2014 at the Kamloops Division Christmas Dinner, life membership plaques and lapel pins were presented to **Bert & Darlene Malfair** and **Shirley Evans** on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. The awards were in recognition of their generous support and contributions over the years. In the photo, viewed from left to right: Reid Tait, Secretary, Kamloops RCMP Vet Assoc.; Bert Malfair; Darlene Malfair; Shirley Evans; and John Maheux, President, Kamloops RCMP Vet Assoc.

*Photo: Bob Drost*



On November 27, 2014, a life membership plaque was presented to **Norm and Joanne Thomson** on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. The award presented by Bob Hemsworth of the Prince Albert Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association was in recognition of their generous support and contributions over the years. In the photo, viewed from left to right: Joanne Thomson, Norm Thomson, and Bob Hemsworth.

*Photo: Sharon Curniski*





**George and Ellen Parchomchuk** were presented their life member plaque and lapel pins by president Ted Markus at the Saskatoon RCMP Veterans' Christmas Social on December 9th 2014. Pictured, left to right, George and Ellen Parchomchuk, Ted Markus.

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## DONOR WALL OF APPRECIATION

The following changes/additions to the "Donor Wall" have been made since our last issue:

### \$1200 – LIFE

Gabriel McGovern, Dublin, Ireland

Miloslav Bozdech, Red Deer, AB

Shirley Evans, Kamloops, BC

Bert & Darlene Malfair, Kamloops, BC

George & Ellen Parchomchuk, Saskatoon, SK

### \$500 – FRIEND

Robert Clifford, Kemptville, ON

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Jack Horton, Regina, SK

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Ron Ferguson, Regina, SK

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Angel R. Shaw, Ottawa, ON

### IN MEMORIAM:

\$100 Wayne Carroll, Nasonworth, NB –

In memory of #15785 S/M Stuart Donald Healey

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# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends*:

Mrs. Shanno LeBano, Kamloops, BC  
Martin Laforge, St. Eustache, QC  
Larry Edwards, Weyburn, SK  
Guy Fortin, Ottawa, ON  
Neville Hirst, Winnipeg, MB  
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