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At the Induction Luncheon Nat Bates presented Jane with a \$10,000 US Donation to the Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

The President's Pitch



A month has now passed since our very successful 40th banquet.

What a great night it was and there were a lot of emotions for the inductees and guests. This was a special evening for our Jane and although she kept her emotions in check, I am sure her head was swirling.

My wife Judy who is our secretary and I, had a great evening meal the night before. We were guests of Jane and had the honour of Nat Bates and his son.

Joining us and we were blessed to be joined by Earl Bérard who is one of the best storytellers about life and baseball one will ever hear.

What a great weekend it was. We have had the opportunity to meet with the staff a couple of times and we're really impressed by their ideas to grow the Hall of Fame.

We also have been busy meeting with some new prospects for our board and will announce some great choices at the fall meeting.

We also will be presenting some new ideas for the future and we would ask for anyone to reach out to us with some of their ideas.

The one thing we will never forget are our Founders Dave and Jane Shury and what they have done for each and every one of us.

And the wonderful legacy they have given this province!

The work they have put in is unbelievable and we will be forever grateful.

We are also saddened by the passing of our friend in baseball Jim Baba who was not only a great man but also a great man for baseball in Saskatchewan. We will miss you Jimmy ❤️ ❤️

See you in April at the AGM.

Go Jays Go!

Ray and Judy Beck

OBITUARIES

JIM KORTE, Muenster SK – passed away May 8, 2025. Jim was Inducted in the Individual Category in 2001.

IONE ERNST BERARD, Moose Jaw SK – passed away May 18, 2025. Ione has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2014.

ADAM FETSCH, Goodsoil SK – passed away April 24, 2025. Adam was Inducted in the Individual Category in 2007.

JOHN NAKONECHNY, Ruthilda SK – passed away July 1, 2023. John has been a Life Member since 2016.

ELMER FRANKS, Weyburn SK – passed away March 5, 2025. Elmer was Inducted in the Individual

Category in 2019.

MERVYN DANBROOK, Govan SK – passed away June 8, 2025. Mervyn was Inducted in the Individual Category in 2000, and in the Team Category with the 1967 Govan Angels in 1994.

JIM BABA, Moose Jaw SK – passed away September 12, 2025. Jim was Inducted in the Individual Category in 2009.



FROM OUR READERS

“On behalf of the 1978 Melville Millionaire Baseball Club Thank You for all your hospitality and efforts before and during the induction weekend. Many of the members of our team had not seen each other since the championship, 47 years! I was very impressed with their commitment to attend as we are spread geographically. It was fantastic for us to be able to touch base with each other after such a long time. We are all very Appreciative and Thankful for the honour bestowed on us by the Hall of Fame. Also, a huge Thank You for the certificate for our late coach Matthew Stelmak, he would have been so honoured! Thank you so much for a wonderful event. We are so grateful for your efforts. Take Care All.

Ken Karius of the 1978 Melville Millionaires

“Thanks – hope all went well at the Induction. We are sorry to miss the festivities and to see all. See you next year.”

Debbie & Bill Gergely

“Keep up the good work”

Ernie Moser

“Congratulations to Jane for her dedication to baseball history. Great Induction.”

Al MacLean

“... We have returned home safely Monday evening. Have been catching up on my sleep after a hectic week. Wanted to say thanks for the lively hospitality extended to Steven and myself during the past weekend. Great meeting Sherman and his family for the first time. Seems the two of us have a great deal in common, first we both were pitchers and second, we were college educated to name a couple. Again, thanks for the lovely hospitality and I wish you and the HOF organization the very best in the future and beyond.”

Nat Bates

Thank you all for your letters, emails and phone calls encouraging us to keep up the good work. These are greatly appreciated. Please send us your story—it will be in the next newsletter! Thanks!

MEMBERSHIPS AND RENEWALS!! WE NEED YOU!!



NEW MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Life Memberships

3

Regular Members

1

Renewals in 2025

28



DONATIONS IN MEMORY

“In Memory” of Ed Bearss of Whitehorse YT. Inducted in Individual Category in 1991. Donated by Carole Bearss, Whitehorse YT

“In Memory” of Gloria Holowaty of Saskatoon SK. Inducted Individual Category 2003. Donated by Robert Holowaty, Saskatoon SK.

“In Memory” of Jack McLeod & Spero Leakos. Donated by Don McMillan, Lantzville BC. Don was Inducted in Team Category with Swift Current Indians in 2015.

“In Memory” of Bob Burns of Assiniboia SK. Bob was inducted Individual Category in 2003. Donated by Roy Burns, Assiniboia SK who was Inducted Individual Category in 2011.

“In Memory” of Adam Fetsch of Goodsoil SK. Inducted Individual Category in 2007. Donated by Regina Fetsch, Goodsoil SK

“In Memory” of Peter Donison of Regina SK. Inducted Individual Category in 2002. Donated by daughter, Judy Gebhard of Regina SK

“In Memory” of Art Berard of Lumsden SK. Inducted Individual Category 1996. Donated by Glenda Berard, Lumsden SK.

“In Memory” of Grandpa Jack Selnes. Donated by Scarlett Elliott, Mildred SK.

“In Memory” of LeRoy Smith of St Paul AB. LeRoy was Inducted in the Community (South) Category in 2003 as a member of the 1954 Holar All Stars. Donated by Robert Landine, New Maryland NB

“In Memory” of Oliver Olafson of Moosomin SK. Oliver was Inducted in the Community (South) Category in 2003 as a member of the 1954 Holar All Stars. Donated by Keith Olafson, Tantalton, SK

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JANE'S CORNER

ALL ABOUT DAVID

More than 50 years ago, my Late husband, David Shury, decided it was time to secure funding for the purpose of establishing a building that would house and display Saskatchewan historical baseball memorabilia as well as an active organization from across the province to pursue permanent funding. There were boxes of baseball items that Dave had acquired from the numerous baseball players that had played over the years. Dave approached Mayor Alex Dillabough requesting the use of the unused Presbyterian Church, an established heritage building in Battleford, located at 62-20th Street, Battleford. We were given permission to move into this building with instructions to not attach anything to the inside walls because it had been designated as a heritage building! We respect history!

As there were no grants available at that time to do such projects, our Honourary President of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, The Late Honourable Herbert Sparrow, Battleford, purchased the building and we moved into it, opening our doors April 2003. In one-year we paid off the complete amount of the cost of the building. As well, we had the roof re-shingled and paid.



YOU, OUR MEMBERS, have always supported this organization but memberships AND donations have decreased substantially! Our bank account is not able to remain afloat unless donations and memberships increase----soon!

Are your annual membership fees paid? Call us. We'll tell you! Buy memberships for your family members! Encourage friends to join this organization. DONATE. Your help is needed. NOW!
THANK YOU!

Thank you from the Board of Directors for your support!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

December 5 Volunteer Supper



Facebook: Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Please check it out and hit the “follow” button to find out all the news happening at the Museum.

We have Souvenirs:



Lapel Pin	\$3	Baseball Caps	\$25
Pens (red/green/white)	\$3	Baseball Visors	\$30
Key Chain	\$2	Hoodies	\$60
Crests	\$5	Golf Shirts:	
Knife	\$6	Ladies Blow Out Sale	\$20 (old stock)
Flashlight	\$3	Mens & Unisex	\$35
Lanyard	\$6	T-Shirts (polyester)	\$25

We also have 2026 Calendars for Sale for \$10.00, which include the 2025 Inductees.

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