



# *Canadian War Brides and Families*

Winter / Spring 2018

## Greetings from President Lynn Martin

The days are getting longer – some of us have had a hint of spring – some still plowing through snow. *But* – we all know that just around the corner is another reunion!! A great time for all of us to get together, renew friendships, enjoy old stories and lots of laughs, you'll enjoy fabulous songs and music. Dr. Garth Hampson has generously volunteered to come from Ontario and croon his sweet melodies again – he had such a good time last year he couldn't resist. This year we will be visiting Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan – home of the largest moose in the world. It's also the home of geothermal therapeutic mineral waters, containing elements such as magnesium sulphate, sodium, potassium and calcium in the Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa. The minerals in these waters are similar to those of Bath, England and the popular hot springs in the Rockies – Banff, Radium and Miette.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

*Lynn*

## **2018 CWB&F Reunion**

### **June 22, 23, 24, 2018**

Moose Jaw Saskatchewan

Home of the largest Moose in the World and The Snowbirds - 40 minutes from Regina SK

## **Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa**

**24 Fairford Street East Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0C7**

Mineral Waters, Casino

**Make your reservations by calling: 1-800-718-7727**

Please be sure to mention *Canadian War Brides & Families Association*

Room rates are \$160 to \$180 + taxes depending on type of room  
(includes access to the mineral water pool)

**Reservation Deadline is May 15, 2018**

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Mezzanine C Room  
 Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa,  
 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Open to all Members.  
 Please bring your 2018 Membership Card with you.

Registration Forms - enclosed – **Please be sure to register before May 15, 2018**

#### Reunion Activities

- **Free Trolley Tour of historic Moose Jaw** – the trolley accommodates about 28 people and runs from downtown Moose Jaw through the historic downtown area. If enough people show interest, arrangements can also be made for the trolley to pick us up at the hotel

#### Optional Reunion Tours - \$\$

- **Tunnels of Moose Jaw**
- 55 minute interactive tour retracing the story of prohibition and Al Capone
- **Passage to Freedom - Chinese Laundry** – tour of the tunnels that were used as homes by Chinese immigrants trying to hide from the federal head tax
- These two tours run concurrently so a person can take one or the other – or both. There are a lot of stairs to access the tunnels that were built under the streets and buildings in downtown Moose Jaw
- Please indicate on the registration form which tour(s) you are interested in
- Access to the therapeutic mineral pool is included in your hotel reservation. If you wish to enjoy the other amenities offered – massage, etc there is an additional charge for those.

#### Optional Donations

If you are willing to make an optional donation to offset costs for the tours for the War Brides, please indicate that on the registration form.

#### Trade Fair

We are making arrangements for a trade fair to be held in the hospitality room – so if you have something you are interested in selling, please contact us at [cwb17@telus.net](mailto:cwb17@telus.net) or Lynn Martin at 1-403-408-7883 to discuss it.

#### Car Pools to the Reunion & Hotel Room Sharing

Several people have indicated that they will be driving alone to Moose Jaw – and would like to know if there are others who would like to car pool. It would be a great way to save on gas and wear & tear on the vehicles

If you wish to share a room with others who may be travelling solo, all the rooms blocked off have either 2 double beds or 2 queen beds.

If you interested in either car pooling or sharing a hotel room – indicate which city you are leaving from and please let me know at [cwb17@telu.net](mailto:cwb17@telu.net) and your contact info will be shared with each other.

### Future Reunions:

Points to ponder – and we can have discussions about these at the General Meeting:

- Do we want to extend the reunions for an extra day? Start on Thursday instead of Friday?
- With so many things to see and do in each new city it is difficult to squeeze them all into 2 days.
- Or – plan fewer tours and activities and just have more time to visit and talk to friends
- Location? Where do we want to go for the next reunion? Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton? Somewhere else?

### Cunard Cruise Lines

This is just an information note for those that may be interested. Cunard Cruise Lines, which brought most of the Canadian War Brides and their children to Canada more than 70 years ago, is offering for the first time:

#### **A 10-day round-trip cruise from Vancouver, BC to Alaska Queen Elizabeth II in 2019.**

If we had a reunion in Vancouver the weekend of June 7-9, 2019, those who are interested could board the ship in Vancouver on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, see the full moon the following Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and then be back in Vancouver on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Up-date to E-mails - Privacy Act

If you receive your newsletter by email, do you want to keep your email address hidden? OR can I put everyone's email in the "TO: line" so that everyone can see each other's emails addresses? If you have not already indicated your preferences, email me at [cwb17@telus.net](mailto:cwb17@telus.net).

Our website includes pages for **War Bride Stories** and **Remember When?**

We know that there are many more amazing War Bride stories to be told. We all love to hear about times when War Brides first met their new families - adjusting to new lives on farms, small towns or new cities. These stories help us appreciate what we have. Sharing your stories will help keep the War Bride's stories alive. Submit by mail to:

**CWB&F – War Bride Stories**  
**11117 – 20 Ave NW**  
**Edmonton, AB T6J 4S6**

Or e-mail to: [cwb17@telus.net](mailto:cwb17@telus.net)

Or download the form from the website: [www.canadianwarbridesandfamilies.ca](http://www.canadianwarbridesandfamilies.ca)

To check out the stories already posted to our website go to:  
<http://www.canadianwarbridesandfamilies.ca/war-bride-stories/>