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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Most of our members were in attendance at the Western Development Museum on May 22 for our 'membership drive' which was a great success for our club thanks to the effort of our members who brought muffins and cookies to add a nice touch to our celebration.

It was a celebration because we were presented our Charter Document by the Regional Director, Roland Nordic and our Coordinator, Ineke Knight. Becky has reported that we received fourteen new membership applications which will bring our total membership to 70 members. This is a very comfortable number as it means that we can continue to meet at the Don Ross Center at a very reasonable price of \$65 which includes the use of a projector and screen and a PA system if needed.

If you have not heard by now, our field trip to the Prairie Lily is in jeopardy. The river is too low for the boat (or any other type of water craft for that matter) and unless the province releases quite a lot of water from Lake Diefenbaker the Prairie Lily will be unable to conduct their cruises. Stay tuned as either Susan or George will send out an email with a final decision. You may wonder what will happen to the \$30 you paid for the outing. You are certainly entitled to a refund if the field trip is cancelled, however we are suggesting that if you intend to renew your membership in the fall, to save our treasurer the hassle of writing several cheques, that we can apply the \$30 to next year's membership. We will ask for your decision once we know for certain that we have to cancel.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - CONT.

If you haven't heard already, our speaker in June will be of interest to just about everyone. Chris Pollard has engaged someone local to speak to us about landscaping. Even if you have a great yard, it is always wise to listen to an expert who can provide information about new plant varieties and give us tips to maintain the health of our plants, considering the money we invest in them.

Your management team has discussed the issue of the changing dates for our meetings in April and May and barring some kind of emergency, every meeting will be on the third Tuesday of each month from now on. Even if it means we can't get a speaker.

See you in June.

Gerry Walker

MAY 50/50

The fourth Probud North Battleford 50/50 draw in May was a great success! A big congratulations to our winner, Lane Jackson, who took home \$135. We appreciate everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

The total cash entries amounted to \$270, with \$135 going to the club.



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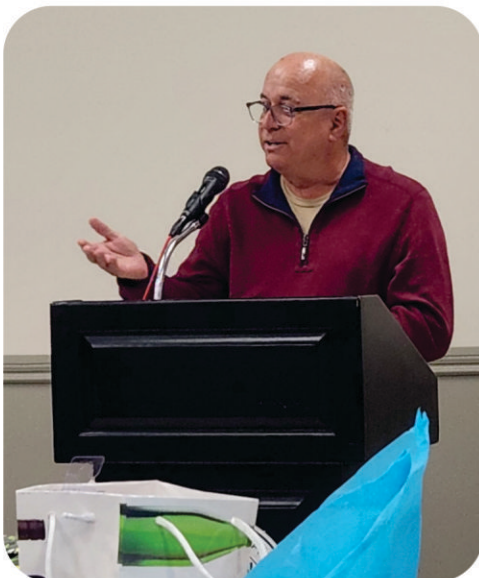
MAY GUEST SPEAKER

Rob grew up in Saskatoon, and graduated from the U of S College of Commerce in 1985. After completing his degree, Rob worked in various positions and communities in Saskatchewan, prior to moving to the Battlefords in early 1992. Rob worked at the local CIBC Branch with a focus on investments and has now been with RBC Dominion Securities as an investment advisor in North Battleford for 26 years.

Rob has always been an active volunteer. In the Battlefords. He has Co-chaired the Fundraising campaigns for the CU PLEX, BTEC and CMHA, and also Co-Chaired the organizing committee for the 2018 Sask Winter Games which were held here in the Battlefords. He was the founding Chair of the Battlefords and District Community Foundation and is currently working on a new project for the Battlefords which is a blend of a "Maker Space" and a "WE WORK Space" as well as an entrepreneurial and business incubator hub.

Recently Rob Rongve was a recipient of the 2024 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, this medal recognizes those who have made tremendous contributions over several decades, benefitting numerous organizations and communities.

Rob has been married to his high school sweetheart Nora, for 32 years, and has two daughters, Antje and Rachel and two grandchildren, May and Charlie.



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MAY MEETING

Our latest meeting was a momentous occasion as we celebrated a major milestone in our club's growth—officially signing our Charter and welcoming new members as part of our ongoing membership drive. Gerry opened the event with a warm welcome to all, including special guests Roland Nordic and Ineke Knight, who presented the Charter document. The signing, led by Deb (Secretary), Gerry (President), Roland, and Ineke, marked a significant step in formalizing our club's presence. A framed copy of the Charter was left with us as a keepsake, and Johanne captured the moment with photos.

Gerry also provided an informative update on current scams, particularly the dangers of AI-generated content and voice replication. He emphasized the importance of skepticism, using strong, unique passwords, and setting up family passwords to avoid being scammed. He recommended YouTube and the website Password Strength Media for more information.

In club news, the Prairie Lily sailing trip may be canceled due to lack of water release. Members who've paid the \$30 can opt for a refund or apply it to next year's membership. Our book exchange is ongoing—bring one, take one! Sub-groups continue to thrive, with plenty of room for new ideas. Possible upcoming field trips include visits to an orchard, a Hutterite Colony, and a Sask Power generating site.

Door prizes were drawn, with winners including Dorothy Manegre (\$15 Co-op card), Rod Lane (Splish Splash card), and Elsie Karst (handmade necklace by Becky). Gerry introduced Susan, who is stepping down as Special Events Coordinator, and Becky, who is taking on the role of Membership Chair. New members were welcomed, and others were encouraged to join. As our numbers grow toward 60+, a larger meeting space may soon be needed.

George, our current Vice President, will transition to President next term. He shared insights into the VP role. George and Lane produce the newsletter with graphic design help from George's daughter, who will receive a \$50 HomeSense gift card as thanks.

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MAY MEETING - CONT.

Upcoming subgroup events include the Spades card group meeting on June 2 at 1:00 PM at Pioneer Hall, and the Travel Group gathering on May 26 at Beaver Grill—members are encouraged to wear or bring something from a past vacation. In community news, Bernadette Leslie is retiring from the Fred Light Museum and is requesting donations toward a commemorative mural.

Chris, our Guest Speaker Coordinator, introduced this month's guest, Rob Rongve, a 2024 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal recipient. Rob shared stories of his volunteer work and his new project: the North Battleford Innovation Hub (NBIH), which will support local creators in developing and marketing new ideas.

To conclude, the 50/50 draw winner was Lane Jackson (\$135), and additional door prizes went to Joanne Simpson, Ramone Bru, Lorraine Belak, and Sharon Spence.

The next club meeting will be held on June 17 at 10:00 AM at the Don Ross Centre, Room 101.



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TOWN OF BATTLEFORD'S
FRED LIGHT MUSEUM TIMES

PLANS FOR A MURAL



WE THANK YOU FOR
ANY
CONTRIBUTIONS



Any amount of
donation will be
appreciated

A plaque of donor
names who donate
100 dollars or more
will be displayed
below the mural (tax
receipt available)

Donations can be
through cheque (made
out to Fred Light
Museum) or e-transfer
(admin@fredlightmuseum.com)

If there are any
questions, please contact
(306) 937-7111

DONATIONS WANTED!

Statement from Bernadette Leslie, the museum manger for the last 45 years:

"For my retirement, the museum board and myself would like to have a photo mural of Fred Light himself installed on the North wall of the main building of the museum. I wish for this to be my lasting tribute to Fred; for believing in me to carry forward his dream of enriching the Battlefords' community through a riveting museum for all to enjoy."

The museum is asking for donations from the community to help make this dream a reality.

Battlefords Probud Member, Evelyn Skotniski, would like to mention in case there are potential donors, that the celebration for Bernadette's retirement and the Fred Light Museum's 45th anniversary is now scheduled for July 12th, 2025.