



"The Meeting Place"

Guest House Renovations Commence...



Rundle's Mission Guest House

This is an *exciting* time at Rundle's Mission. It is a time of renewal and a time of improvement to our services. Our wish is for all people to have the ability to experience this truly unique part of Alberta.

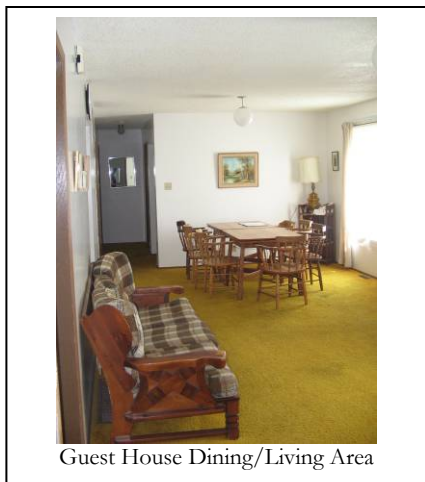
We are reaching our goals and it is *thanks* to our many supporters and the Alberta Government CFEP Grant of \$52,000.00 that we have commenced renovating House #1 March 1, 2009. With volunteer time and your donations we were able to match this grant to complete Phase One of the *House Accessibility Project*.



Guest House Bedroom

G&N Contracting from Thorsby, Alberta has been awarded the contract to refurbish all the bathrooms by installing new toilets, sinks, adjustable shower heads, flapper taps, and grab bars. One shower will be wheelchair accessible. The entire house will have a fresh coat of paint and linoleum installed to improve ease of use. We have also converted one bathroom to a laundry room for guest use.

With funds from *Buy a Bed Campaign* we have ordered 22 new box springs and mattresses for both houses from the Foam King in Red Deer.



Guest House Dining/Living Area

Window Coverings, Furniture, scatter rugs and chairs will be featured for the comfort of the guests.

We are proud that we will be able to offer services to physically challenged individuals through improvement of our facilities.

House #2 is slated for renovation in December 2009 pending our fundraising success. This second phase will address the plumbing, flooring, painting and the replacement of shingles on both houses.

The Lodge accessibility and beds will be addressed in the very near future.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their assistance so far.
You are Great!!



Husky Oil Rebate Program

Support Rundle's Mission every time you purchase gas, groceries or a meal at every Husky or Mohawk across Canada. If you shop here *let us know* and we will send you a Rundle's Mission Charity Rebate Card. 2% of your purchase will be donated back to Rundle's Mission on all qualifying purchases. *A great way to support us*

Upcoming Events

Info: (780) 389-2422

PLRCC Meeting

Wednesday April 15th

5:30 Tour of Rundles Guest Houses

6:30 Member Dinner

7:30 Meeting featuring our MLA Diana McQueen.

AGM

Thursday April 23rd

Social Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 with meeting to follow at 7:15 pm - Memorial Lodge.

**If you would like to serve on the Board please contact Sharon Seidel at (780) 389-4000.



2009 Pigeon Lake Historical Calendars
NOW \$5.00

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at info@rundlesmission.org

All proceeds to:

Renew Rundles Campaign

Thanks To Our Donors

- Keast Papineau
- Devon UCW
- Kathy & Percy Zalasky
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- Joan & Jack Manson
- St. David's UCW
- St. James UCW
- Bill & Ruth Tozer
- Art Trace
- Jack and Georgina Tupper
- Olds UCW

RENEW RUNDLES 2009

Thanks to Jack Tupper for fixing our Flag Pole

Thanks to Wayne & Irene Pettapiece for the Piano

Thanks to Al Shaw for the mattresses, frames, linens

Thanks to Doug Kelker for placing the ski signs

Thanks to Marie Young for the donation of cups & mugs

Thanks to JoAnne Brodersen for working on the Lodge Logs

Thanks to Ray Sevigny for the two twin mattresses and bed frames

Thanks to Marcel for installing Arborite under the Lodge Kitchen sink



Thanks to the Guys from Finishing Touch Ministries for clearing House #1 of all the Carpeting, plumbing and baseboards on Feb 28th.
L-R Lorne Ganske, Gerald Dennis & Bill Broadbent
Not in photo: Chris Berkley, Brian Anderson & Ken Chapman

Contractors Hired for 2009-2010

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| • Manager: | Colleen Lomas |
| • Admin Assistant: | Debora Stark |
| • Maintenance: | Dan Brissard |
| • Housekeeping/Hostess: | Kris McKay |
| • Linen Service: | Irene Blumhagen |
| • Bookkeeping: | SOS Bookkeeping |
| • Linda McBride and Rose Oppgaard. | |

Did You Know? In November 1844, during a trip to the Mountain Stoney's in the Bow Valley area, Rundles decided to climb a mountain: he recorded in his Journal, "Am now climbing a mountain. Here are two veins, perhaps of spar, in the bed of rock where I am now sitting. I became quite ill thr' fatigue etc. but was in good spirits when climbing until I was very high up. I made two attempts to get up an elevation but could not succeed. Rocks were very steep." After some difficulty descending and finding the camp he wrote, "Reached at last, thanks to Providence. Took some medicine and had breakfast at sunset." (9 November 1844, The Rundle Journals, pp 164-5)



2008-09 Board Members: David Ridley, Kathy Gregg,
Morley MacCalder, Bea Moore, Art Trace, Sharon Seidel

Sharon Seidel (President)

My husband Wes and I came to Pigeon Lake area in 1973. As an expectant mom we owned and operated the Mission Beach General store. We worked periodically with Gerald Hutchinson –catering to functions and groups as well as Wes helped clear the area for the existing facilities. I do have a passion for the area and would like to see it grow. I am chair of the Thorsby Library Board and have worked on the Leduc County Recreation Board for several years. I belong to the Lakedell Ag society where I enjoy curling in the winter. We have a recreation quarter of land just north of the lake where we enjoy our horses, ski-dooing and camping with our grandkids. Sharon has served a three year term on the Board.

David Ridley (Past President)

David has worked in the museum and heritage field for several years, serving with the Folklife Program at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, the Central Alberta Regional Museums Network and the Heritage Community Foundation. He taught Social Studies and Outdoor pursuits for a number of years and is a graduate of St. Stephen's College, Edmonton. He has served on a number of volunteer directed organizations over the years, serving with the Society since 1997 (beginning with the historical committee) and as a director since 1998. He resides in Edmonton with Heather, Ian James and Maeve – a recent addition to the family.

Kathy Gregg

Kathy Gregg is a fourth generation resident of Pigeon Lake. Her great-grandfather, *Forest Quick* and his family lived in a house where the present day Telfordville Church is located. Kathy has volunteered with various school committees and Camp Maskepetoon through the years and has been a member of the Agricultural Society. She organized two Trade Shows for the Horticultural long weekend. She is looking forward to being involved in her community once again. Kathy has served three terms on the Board and was involved in several programs conducted at Rundles Mission.

Bea Moore

Bea has served on the Board for two years as a Director. She has been involved in our special events and is our representative for the United Church. She has lived in the area for many years and has been an active member of the Telfordville Pastoral charge. She is presently working in the charge office on a part time basis and also works at Ranchland Meats in Thorsby.

J. Arthur Trace

Art and his wife, Irene retired to Mulhurst Bay in 1992. Prior to that, he spent 40 years in the work force living in Alberta, Northwest Territories and B.C. Employment included 25 years in the R.C.M.P. and 15 years with private industry. He is presently President of the Mulhurst Legion Branch, Mulhurst Bay Community League, R.C.M.P. Veterans Association and the Mulhurst Bay and District Fire Protection Society.

Morley MacCalder

Born and raised in Alberta, south of Black Diamond, my first ambition was to be a cowboy who could play all sports. My parents then moved to Vancouver, where I first secured full time employment in an insurance office. I then moved back to Calgary and was working as a bookkeeper when I joined an older brother in a contracting business at Leduc in 1948. MacCalder Construction was my sole employer from then to 1996 when I retired to Pigeon Lake from Edmonton. My volunteer contributions have been through community leagues, Rotary Club, Presbyterian Church and business associations. I have been married to Marge for fifty plus years and my volunteer hours pale in comparison to hers. We were blessed with four daughters, Barbara, Laurie, Janet and Colleen, plus eight grandchildren. Our daughter Janet and her daughter Avery were both deceased in 2003. I look forward to contributing to a successful future at Rundle's Mission Society. Morley has served on year on the Board.

**Rundles Mission Society
Annual General Meeting
Thursday April 23rd, 2009**

Social: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Meeting: 7:15 to 8:15pm

Coffee to follow

Board & Committee Positions available.

Please contact Sharon Seidel at

(780) 389-4000

Invest in Our Future

When Love and Skill Work Together, Expect a Masterpiece
(John Ruskin 1819-1900)

Remembering Thomas Alfred Gander MD (1915-2008)

The Board wishes to acknowledge the amazing contribution made by Dr. T.A Gander to the development and sustainability of the Rundle's Mission.

As you may know, Alf Gander was a founding member of Rundle's Mission Society. He served on the property committee both as chair and later as a committee member. He was an integral part of the Society and in 1996 Alf was honored by the Society with a 40 year continuous membership having only missed 3 meetings in all this time.

He was a man of true dedication.

Serving on the Property Committee was an enormous task requiring many volunteer hours of both organization and manual labour. Alf was there for the building of the Lodge and was instrumental in its upkeep and repairs over the years. For example in 1981 he turned his attention to the replacement of the Lodge windows, landscaping the houses and planting 25 evergreen trees. He also saw that phone and smoke alarms were installed.

In 1980, after many years of planning and fundraising, the two houses were purchased from GIC Industries and transported to the Rundle's Mission site. The site preparation work of cement foundations, power, water lines and propane were organized for their arrival. Once the houses arrived, there were furnishings & appliances to procure and clean-up of the construction project.

Alf was the wheel that made these projects a success.

With you, we regret the passing of Alf and hope you may reflect on his life's contributions with a full heart.

In Memoriam donations have been directed to the Guest House Accessibility Project that commenced March 1, 2009. Without these contributions we would have not been able to meet this goal.

Thanks to all that have contributed to this project.
It is a great tribute to a wonderful man!

Why Do We Fundraise??

Rundle's Mission Society operates on a not for profit basis to:

- preserve the Margaret & Benjamin Sinclair Historic Site
- provide Accommodation in a retreat setting that is comfortable and affordable for all individuals
- promote education about the historical significance of the site through formal and informal education programs
- to give back to the community by offering programs and facilities for public use in conjunction with the goals and mission statement of the Society.

In order to meet our goal we do charge a fee to rent our facilities which is only meant to cover our operational costs. Any funds for capital purchases and improvement of the site come from our fundraising efforts.

At present we have three fundraising campaigns:

Buy a Bed Campaign - all proceeds will be directed to the purchase of new mattresses and box springs. To date your generous donations have bought 22 sets of new beds for the Guest Houses. We continue to need 25 new mattresses for the Lodge

Hutchinson Endowment Fund - was recently established by the Hutchinson Family
The funds are held in trust by the United Church of Canada and are to be used for programming at the mission once the fund reaches its base of \$10,000.00.

In Memoriam and General Donations - are all being directed to our Guest House Accessibility Project. Further plans are to include the accessibility of the Memorial Lodge

