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# Special Events

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*Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, inspects the honour guard at a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). She unveiled a statue of the first Lord Strathcona on the south grounds of the Legislature Building.*

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## *Famous Five Maquette Canadian Tour*

On January 18 Speaker Kowalski and Community Development Minister Stan Woloshyn officiated at a ceremony in the lower Rotunda of the Legislature formally recognizing a traveling exhibit honouring Alberta's Famous Five. The statues depict Nellie McClung, Henrietta Edwards, Irene Parlby, Louise McKinney, and Emily Murphy celebrating their victory in the 1929 Persons Case. They had worked to overturn a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that women were not "persons" who could hold public office as Canadian Senators. The exhibit co-sponsors, the Famous Five Foundation and the Girl Guides of Canada, also participated. Edmonton artist Barbara Paterson, the creator of the maquette and the original monument in Calgary's Olympic Plaza, was present for the ceremony.

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## *Installation of the Lieutenant Governor*

The installation of Lois Hole, CM, as the 15th Lieutenant Governor of Alberta was held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 10. The Hon. C.A. Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta, administered the oath of office. Approximately 600 people attended.

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## *Family Day*

As part of downtown activities for Family Day on February 21 tours of the Legislature Building were offered every 10 minutes. Hot chocolate, entertainment, and a penny carnival were provided in the pedway. More than 4,400 visitors attended.

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## *Eid al-Adha*

A ceremony recognizing Eid al-Adha, or the Festival of Sacrifice, was held in the

Rotunda on March 20. For Muslims around the world, the festival marks the end of the annual pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca. A presentation was made to the Winnifred Stewart Association for the Mentally Handicapped on behalf of the Muslims in Edmonton by the Ismaili Council for Edmonton.

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## *Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta*

On March 21 the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognized the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta by flying its flag alongside the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie's flag at a ceremony in the Rotunda.

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## *Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament*

The second annual Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament was held on April 13 and 14. Eighty-three grade 10 students attended, representing the same 83 constituencies as Alberta's elected MLAs. Their debate enabled them to learn the parliamentary process. Twelve grade 10 social studies teachers from across Alberta attended the parallel teachers' program.

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## *Alberta's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Ceremony*

Speaker Kowalski hosted Alberta's Unknown Soldier Ceremony on May 3 at the main entrance to the Legislature Building. Participating in the ceremony were Premier Ralph Klein, Canadian Forces Colonel R.S. Matheson, CM, QC, of the 41st Brigade, and Bob Grey, President of the Alberta/Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. A composite guard drawn from the army, navy, and air force was present for the



occasion. Soil from Alberta was taken from the four corners of the Legislature Grounds and encased for transport to the grave in Ottawa.

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#### *Page Speech Competition*

The sixth annual Page Speech Competition, sponsored by TransAlta in support of the page development program, was held on May 10. The prize winners were Daniel Novak, first; Tim Jolly, second; and Howard Yeung, third.

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#### *Heritage Fairs*

On May 13 and 14 more than 205 projects by students in grades 4 to 9 based on their Canadian heritage were showcased in the pedway interpretive centre when the Legislative Assembly hosted the fifth annual Heritage Fairs.

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#### *Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Statue Unveiling*

On May 17 the Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, marked the 100th anniversary of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) by unveiling a statue of the first Lord Strathcona on the south grounds of the Legislature Building. The event, hosted by Speaker Kowalski and open to the public, was attended by the Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole; Premier Ralph Klein; Lieutenant-General (Retired) Jim Fox, the Colonel of the Regiment; and Lord Donald Euan Palmer Howard, the fourth Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal. The statue is the work of noted Alberta

sculptor Don Begg of Cochrane. It depicts Donald Alexander Smith, later Lord Strathcona, driving the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Craigellachie, British Columbia. The bronze figure was donated by the regiment as a gift to the people and province of Alberta.

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#### *Official Lying-in-State of Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan*

On June 19 an official Lying-in-State was held in the Legislature Rotunda for former Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. J.W. Grant MacEwan, OC, LL.D. More than 852 people paid their respects to the renowned Lieutenant Governor, author, academic, politician, educator, historian, and community leader.

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#### *Canada Day*

On July 1 the floor of the Legislature Chamber was open to visitors for the third annual Canada Day at the Legislature festivities. The Clerk, Parliamentary Counsel, and guides welcomed visitors to the Chamber. Musical entertainment was provided throughout the grounds and pedway in addition to a penny carnival, the ERTC Criterium bike race, and a naval gun run display. The event attracted more than 8,400 people.

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#### *Celebration in Honour of the Queen Mother's 100th Birthday*

On August 4 and 5 visitors were offered refreshments and cake in the Rotunda in honour of the Queen Mother's 100th birthday. More than 1,700 people signed a

book of birthday wishes, which was forwarded to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on behalf of the people of Alberta.

*Book of Condolences for the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau*

On October 2 and 3 the public was invited to sign a book of condolences in the Legislature Rotunda offering condolences on the passing of former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau. The condolences were forwarded to the Trudeau family.

*Poppy Presentation*

The Royal Canadian Legion launched its national poppy campaign at the Alberta Legislature on October 20. The Alberta/Northwest Territories Command presented poppies to the Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole; Deputy Speaker Don Tannas, representing the Speaker; Mary O'Neill, MLA for St. Albert, representing the government; Opposition Leader Nancy MacBeth; New Democrat Leader Raj Pannu; and other attending MLAs.

*Remembrance Service*

On November 8 Speaker Kowalski along with the Justice Minister and Attorney General, Dave Hancock, Opposition Leader Nancy MacBeth, and New Democrat Leader Raj Pannu laid wreaths in a ceremony in the Rotunda. Also laying wreaths were representatives of the

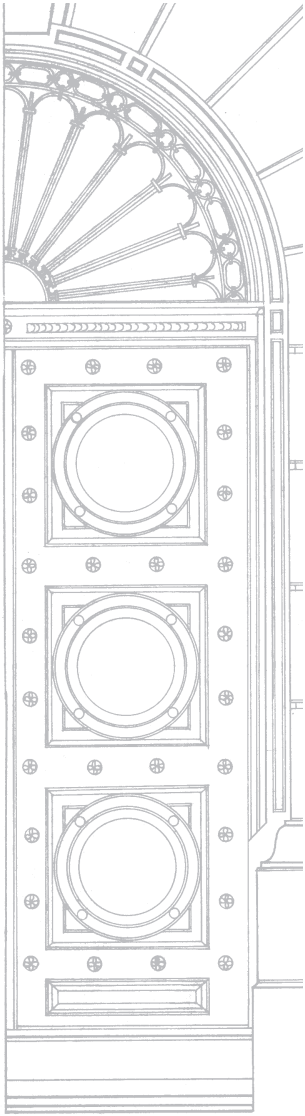
Royal Canadian Legion, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, and the youth of Alberta. This ceremony was in memory of Albertans who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and United Nations and NATO operations.

*Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance*

In commemoration of the passing on November 16 of Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act, Speaker Kowalski hosted a reception for Holocaust victims, their families and friends, and all Members of the Legislature.

*School-at-the-Legislature Launch*

On November 20 Speaker Kowalski presided over the launch of an innovative educational program for Alberta youth. The School-at-the-Legislature program offers grade 6 students hands-on knowledge about the Legislative Assembly, government, and the parliamentary process. Shaw Communications Inc., Capital City Savings & Credit Union Limited, and the Quality Group of Companies generously provided support for the program.





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*Portrait Unveiling of the  
Former Lieutenant Governor*

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On November 23 the official portrait of the Hon. H.A. “Bud” Olson, former Lieutenant Governor, was unveiled in a ceremony hosted by Speaker Kowalski. The portrait is the work of Edmonton artist Tag Kim.

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*Laying Up of the Strathcona Guidon*

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The Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) concluded their 100th anniversary year with the laying up of their old Regimental Guidon (flag) in the Rotunda on November 29.

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*Christmas at the Legislature*

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On December 4 Premier Klein and Speaker Kowalski launched the festive season at the Legislature by turning on the Christmas lights. All through the rest of December until the Christmas holidays, visitors were offered hot chocolate and entertained by choirs in the Rotunda. More than 11,600 people enjoyed the activities that included Christmas trees decorated with handmade ornaments and gingerbread houses built by Edmonton and area students.

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*Employee Recognition Dinner*

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Speaker Kowalski hosted the annual Legislative Assembly Office and constituency office staff recognition dinner on December 7 to mark the past year’s accomplishments. Awards were presented to staff with five, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service.

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# Former Members of the Legislative Assembly

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*The coffin of former Member and former Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. J.W. Grant MacEwan is escorted from the Legislature Building following an official Lying-in-State.*

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## *Obituaries*

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### **Mr. Earl M. Hardy**

September 6, 1913, to January 15, 2000

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Mr. Hardy was first elected on August 17, 1948, and served until June 17, 1963. He represented the constituency of Bruce for the Social Credit Party. Mr. Hardy served on the select standing committees on Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education (serving as chairman of this committee for the First Session of the 12th Legislature); Municipal Law (serving as chairman for the 13th and 14th Legislatures); Railways, Telephones and Irrigation; Public Accounts; and Private Bills.

### **Mr. Anders O. Aalborg**

August 24, 1914, to February 13, 2000

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Mr. Aalborg was first elected to the Alberta Legislature on August 17, 1948, and served until August 30, 1971. He represented the constituency of Alexandra for the Social Credit Party. Mr. Aalborg served as Minister of Education from September 9, 1952, to July 30, 1964; Provincial Treasurer from July 29, 1964, to September 9, 1971; and Minister of Railways and Telephones from July 13, 1967, to December 11, 1968. He also served on the select standing committees on Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education; Municipal Law; Private Bills; Railways, Telephones and Irrigation; Public Accounts; Public Affairs; and Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing. He also served on the special committees reviewing workers' compensation and sessional paper 55.

### **Mr. Alois (Al) P. Hiebert**

June 4, 1938, to April 23, 2000

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Mr. Hiebert was first elected on March 14, 1979, and served until May 8, 1986.

He represented the constituency of Edmonton-Gold Bar for the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Hiebert served on the select standing committees on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing; Private Bills; Public Affairs; Public Accounts; Legislative Offices; and Law and Regulations. He also served on the special committees on the Auditor General Search, Chief Electoral Officer Search, and Ombudsman Search.

### **Mr. Bryce C. Stringam**

February 8, 1920, to June 2, 2000

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Mr. Stringam was first elected on June 29, 1955, and served until June 18, 1959. He represented the constituency of Bow Valley-Empress as an Independent Member. Mr. Stringam served on the select standing committees on Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education; Municipal Law; Private Bills; Railways, Telephones and Irrigation; Public Accounts; and Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing.

### **Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan, OC, LLD**

August 12, 1902, to June 15, 2000

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Dr. MacEwan was first elected on June 29, 1955, and served until 1960. He became leader of the Liberal Party on November 1, 1958, and held that position until June 18, 1959. He represented the constituency of Calgary for the Liberal Party. Dr. MacEwan served on the select standing committees on Railways, Telephones and Irrigation; Public Accounts; Private Bills; Municipal Law; and Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education. Dr. MacEwan became Lieutenant Governor of Alberta on January 6, 1966, and served until July 2, 1974. Albertans had an opportunity to pay their respects to Dr. MacEwan, renowned as an author, academic, politician, educator, historian,



community leader, and the former Lieutenant Governor, at an official Lying-in-State held on June 19, 2000, in the Legislature Rotunda.

**Mr. Eric Musgreave**

July 21, 1921, to June 16, 2000

Mr. Musgreave was first elected on March 26, 1975, and served until March 20, 1989. He represented the constituency of Calgary-McKnight for the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Musgreave served on the select standing committees of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act; Law and Regulations; Legislative Offices; Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing; Public Accounts; Private Bills; and served as Deputy Chairman of Committees and as Chairman of Public Affairs during the 21st Legislature. Mr. Musgreave also served on the Special Committee of Surface Rights.

**Mr. Michael Maccagno**

July 15, 1914, to November 25, 2000

Mr. Maccagno was first elected on June 29, 1955, and served until May 27, 1968. He represented the constituency of Lac La Biche for the Liberal Party and also served as Alberta Liberal leader. Mr. Maccagno served on the select standing committees on Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education; Municipal Law; Municipal Law and Law Amendments; Private Bills; Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing; Public Accounts; Public Affairs; and Railways, Telephones and Irrigation.

He also served on the special committees on Centralization and Consolidation of Schools; Collective Bargaining between School Trustees and Teachers; Commercial Fisheries; Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, regional conference; Electoral Boundaries; Ombudsman Search; and Preventive Health.