

## **Biographical Sketches for New Director: Nomination**

(Information provided by each candidate)

Presented in Alphabetical Order

### **Darlene Gehrke**



I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. As a Chartered Accountant I have spent the past 25 years providing advice to clients on financial matters. In my experience, most businesses face challenges in managing cash flow and capital expansion at various stages. The Highwood Golf and Country Club is no different; our new clubhouse will provide incredible opportunities for the club, but at the same time will create new challenges. I believe that my solid financial background is a valuable resource in ensuring the Board and management addresses the opportunities and challenges that the club will face in the future.

### **Marlene Joyce Harvey**



For most of my career I was a Purchasing Manager. I started out in hardware wholesaling in Montreal and when I moved to Vancouver I decided to try something different and worked for the Variety Club as their Satellite and Special Events co-ordinator for two years. When I moved to Calgary I realized that I really missed purchasing and joined one of the largest Electrical Contractors in Calgary as their purchasing manager, a position I held for nearly twenty five years.

My responsibilities were purchasing all electrical products for installation in small service contracts to multimillion dollar contracts, cost control, purchasing vehicles, selling and setting up maintenance schedules for each vehicle, outfitting service vehicles with shelving, roof racks etc., purchasing and maintaining all tools. I supervised and was responsible for hiring (and termination) for accounts payable, warehouse staff and truck driver, building maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, security and janitorial contracts. I participated in preplan meetings for all projects big and small covering installation, material and tools required to complete the project. I was on numerous panels where we discussed changing or buying new tool control systems to make changes to our pension plan, etc. And of course like anyone in this type of position attended numerous meetings. I retired in 2006.

I belonged to O.P.F.A. (One Parent Family Assoc.) and sat on numerous committees and organized special events from dances to treasure hunts. I was a member of Kinettes and served as president, and served as V.P. twice for the Calgary Electric Club and have volunteered for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign for the past four years and will continue to do so.

Anyone that knows me will tell you I love golf but also enjoy oil painting, reading, pilates, walking, cross country skiing, entertaining, playing cards and travelling just to name a few of my other interests.

Why do I want to serve the Club as a director? Now that we have a new clubhouse and are moving forward in a positive way I want to be a part of the new direction the club is taking and I feel with my business experience and volunteer positions I have a lot to offer. I also want the Highwood to remain affordable for all members and will work toward positive change in order to achieve this goal.

### Troy Hurl



I am currently working at the Calgary Golf and Country Club as a manager on the maintenance team where I have been employed for the previous 5 years. As well, I have been working in the golf industry for the past 15 years, 5 of which were at the Highwood Golf and Country Club. I grew up in High River playing golf at Highwood, and feel that as a board member I could use my

knowledge of the industry and club to help further us from the new clubhouse to continuing advancements in other areas.

### Raymond Ryland



Marj and I have been members of the Highwood Golf and Country Club for two years and residents of High River for five years. Having spent our first few years here travelling to about twenty five southern Alberta golf courses we have really appreciated the golf experience and other amenities available at the Highwood.

2001 marked a major step forward for Highwood Golf and Country Club. The Board and management for the last few years should be congratulated for an excellent facility. With the completion of the new club house I believe it will be important for the Board of Directors and management to be diligent in making sure that the Highwood remains attractive

and also affordable so that current members will continue to enjoy the golf course and potential future members will be encouraged to join the Highwood.

Following graduation from the University of Saskatchewan I worked for a number of years in the agricultural industry in marketing, policy and management before successfully operating my own farm businesses for more than twenty years. I have been a board member for a retail business and several financial businesses including thirteen years on the Board of Directors and six years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of a large Credit Union in Saskatchewan.

I have been involved in recreation all my life and have spent time as both a minor hockey team manager and league commissioner. I currently participate in the Highwood Senior Golf League and the Highwood overnight security patrol. I curl at the Highwood Curling Club and am a volunteer for the 2011 Alberta Men's Curling Championship.

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### Craig L. Snodgrass



I have been on the board of directors for the past 3 years and would like to continue with the direction that we have been moving in.

The new clubhouse was our first priority and has elevated our club to a new level, this being said, our forward momentum cannot end here.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done to the golf course itself. This must be done in a manner that will provide the conditions our members require and be affordable to our membership.

In the past three years I have served (at one point or another) as the Committee Chair of Marketing, Greens and most recently the Building Committee.

I've never felt that 3 years is long enough to serve on a Board of Directors to complete your original goals. This is why I am running for your Board of Directors again and I feel that my experience provides the continuity required to progress our club.