



## Women's Caucus

# Newsletter



## Federal Election 2008

Maggie Lockwood passed away suddenly on August 9, 2008. Maggie was active in Edmonton Centre both provincially and federally. Her culinary delights made many meetings more memorable. Maggie was also active in Gay and Lesbian Bisexual Transsexual Caucus and she was secretary of the ND Women's Caucus Executive for a year and a half. Even though she had tough times fighting work issues she was always professional as a Registered Nurse and as a STARS air ambulance nurse. She often talked about her adventures in Northern Alberta. Maggie dedicated herself to many causes; one was as a faithful volunteer of the Edmonton Folk Festival. The pictures displayed at the service in her honour told the story of family, especially nieces and nephews, activities, food and a wonderful smile. Donations can be made to the Bissell Centre in Maggie's honour. She will be missed by all those whom she touched.

Mabel Bradshaw, wife of past President Steve Bradshaw, passed away on August 20, 2008. Mabel was an active New Democrat in spite of ill health. She raised her children as a single parent until she married Steve. She came to a number of Women's Caucus events, including the lunch with Penny Pretty in November 2006 and contributed to the Annual Edmonton Women's Caucus garage sale in July 2008. She had a "green thumb" and her skills produced a wealth of colours in her garden. She and Steve were planning some retirement trips this fall. The Women's Caucus send their condolences to Steve and the family at this difficult time. Mabel will be remembered for her efforts to make this world a better place

Calgary Nosehill

### **Stephanie Sundberg**

Stephanie Sundberg is a currently studying political science at the University of Calgary. Stephanie is active in clubs on campus and has a passion for activism. Throughout her time at the University of Calgary she has travelled in Nicaragua and Uganda to participate in development work, and has helped to organize educational forums on campus. Though health, education and the environment in developing nations have been important issues for Stephanie, through her club involvement she works to ensure that students have the opportunity to volunteer within Calgary as well. Stephanie has worked as a Community Shuttle Operator for Calgary Transit since 2005, and is a proud member of ATU local 583. Stephanie continues to find enjoyment in serving the needs of her community by being a member of a team that provides an important service to all Calgarians.

Stephanie attended William Aberhart High School and was a member of the Calgary Roundup Band, The Calgary Stetson Show Band and the Calgary Stampede Show Band. Stephanie has lived in Calgary since 1999.

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## Calgary Southwest

### Holly Heffernan



- Health professional and community leader
- Graduated from the Foothills School of Nursing in 1976 and completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree at the University of Calgary in 1993
- Employed at Rockyview Hospital as a nurse
- Served as Co-Chair of the Urology Nurses Excellence Conference in 2004
- Member of the Board with the United Nurses of Alberta for more than 12 years
- Member of the Alberta Federation of Labour Occupational Health and Safety Committee in 2002
- Serves on the Occupational Health and Safety Committee at Rockyview Hospital
- Delegate on the Calgary and District Labour Council, serving on the Executive, Political Action Committee and Women's Committee
- Member of the United Way Labour Partnership
- Member of the Haysboro Community Board
- Girl Guide leader for five years and a Block Parent for 18 years
- Member of the Executive Board of Christ Moravian Community Church
- Life-long Calgarian and resident of Haysboro since 1981
- NDP candidate in the 2004 provincial election and NDP candidate in the 2006 federal election
- Married, the mother of a son and daughter.

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## Crowfoot

### Ellen Parker



- Educator and community activist
- Holds a Bachelor of Education degree in home economics from the University of Alberta
- Taught in secondary schools in Edmonton and New Sarepta from 1980 to 1985
- Currently a substitute teacher
- Served as the Coordinator of the Camrose and Area Further Education Council
- Founding member of the Waste Reduction Action Committee in

Camrose and a member of the City of Camrose Recycling Committee

- Chaired the local 10 Days for Global Justice Committee (now KAIROS)
- Member of the Board of the Camrose International Institute
- NDP candidate in the 2004 and 2006 federal elections
- Has lived in Camrose since 1985
- Married, the mother of two.

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Edmonton Centre

### **Donna Martyn**



- Born in Olds, Alberta, into a pioneer Alberta family
- Completed pre-medical studies at University of Alberta before switching to the field of education
- Earned a Bachelor of Education degree and Master of Arts degree from the University of Alberta
- Taught 12 years at Parkview Elementary-Junior High School
- Currently on leave with a disability
- Volunteered for three years teaching English as a second language at Alex Taylor Community School

- Served six years on the City of Edmonton advisory board on services for persons with disabilities, five as chair
- Served a four-year term as a community health council representative
- Served for five years on the Edmonton 2004 celebration committee
- A widow with a stepdaughter.

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Edmonton–Leduc

### **Hana Razga**



- Had a long professional career in human resources with the federal government
- Born in 1947 in London, England, to Czechoslovakian parents
- Immigrated to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Has had extensive volunteer commitments with organizations including the Alberta Women's Shelter, Big Sisters and Match International

- Ran provincially for the NDP in 1997 (Edmonton-Manning), 2001 (Edmonton-Manning), 2008 (Edmonton-Whitemud), and federally in 1997 (Edmonton East)
- The mother for four adult children and the grandmother of three.

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## Edmonton–Spruce Grove

### **Barb Phillips**



- Small business owner and farmer in Parkland County
- With her husband, runs a pesticide and chemical free market garden north of Spruce Grove
- Raises champion golden retrievers, active member of the Canadian Kennel Club
- Also works as a caregiver for adults with developmental disabilities
- Holds a Bachelor of Education degree
- Taught in the Parkland School Division for 20 years
- Active in various sports and clubs, including Toastmasters, curling, St.

Augustine's Anglican Church and the Spruce Grove Ringette Association

- Married to Ross Phillips for 38 years — they have two grown daughters.

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## Edmonton–Strathcona

### **Linda Duncan**



- Internationally recognized leader in the development and enforcement of environmental law
- Former Chief of Enforcement for Environment Canada
- Served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Renewable Resources with the Yukon government
- Founded the Environmental Law Centre of Alberta
- Served as an Executive member of the Environment Section of the Canadian Bar Association and on the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers committee on mercury emission standards for coal-fired power plants

- Was the Head of Law and Enforcement for the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation
- Senior legal advisor to Indonesia, Bangladesh and Jamaica on environmental enforcement in programs funded by CIDA, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank

- Previously a lawyer in private practice
- Holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Alberta, as well as a Master's degree from the Dalhousie Law School
- Vice president of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund
- Vice President of the Lake Wabamum Enhancement and Protection Association
- Member of the Board of the Alberta Clean Air Strategy Alliance and the Environmental Careers Organization
- As a member of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, authored a community self-help planning manual and helped found the Society for the Protection of Architectural Resources in Edmonton
- Recipient of many awards and tributes, including a 1989 YWCA Award of Merit, lifetime membership in the Preservation of Agricultural Land Association, the 1998 Award of Merit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the 2004 Emerald Environment Award and tributes from the governments of Canada, Indonesia and the Netherlands.

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Peace River

## **Adele Boucher**

Adele Boucher Rymhs has lived in the Peace Country all her life and supports alternatives to nuclear energy development. She believes the costs and environmental and health risks will seriously affect Alberta's future.

Adele is no newcomer to local politics, having run for a seat in the Legislature in 1986 and 1989. She says the reason she was prompted to run again is because she lives within the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifers, and believes a nuclear facility will create a great risk to the local water supply for about 7500 households, including the Town of Grimshaw.

Her second concern is the risk of radioactive contamination of agricultural land. Farmers could face great difficulties in marketing their products in future. Many producers are members of the organization "Branding the Peace" which markets with the label "from the pristine Peace Country". One of their marketing objectives is to provide food products for athletes in the 2010 Olympics.

As a candidate, Boucher Rymhs feels she brings experience from various fields, having taught school for many years, as owner of Miller Travel, and partner in Mag Boucher Trucking Ltd and Magestic Bison. Adele has served in many community groups such as the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Historical Society, the Museum Board, as Tourism chair for the Chambre of Commerce, Treasurer of Grimshaw & District Agricultural Society, and President of Peace

Country Bison Association. Her most recent project was as primary fundraiser for the \$300,000 expansion of the Peace River Museum, Archives & Mackenzie Centre. In 2002, Boucher Rymhs was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Adele will be traveling around the riding to discuss energy and environmental issues, such as the effects that a nuclear power plant could have on agriculture in the Peace, and conservation a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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Westlock St. Paul

## **Della Drury**

A graduate of the Forest Technology Program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), Della Drury is working hard in Alberta's forest industry. During her time at NAIT she was chosen by staff for the NAITsa scholarship for aspiring to improve forest management. She is passionate about making Alberta's forest practices sustainable, in ways that will benefit the jobs and interests of working Albertans, and protect our environment in the province we call home.

Shortly after graduating from St. Paul Regional High School, Della worked at the Extendicare nursing home, and has seen the need for quality affordable care for Alberta's seniors. Her current work takes her across the Northeast of the province.

As a recent post-secondary graduate, Della has seen the effects of both rising tuition and housing costs in Alberta. Della is a voice that will fight in Lac-La Biche-St. Paul for students, and the many Albertans who are having their standard of living decreased due to a lack of rent controls.

Della has witnessed the impact of Alberta's labour climate on average workers, and will speak out to change Alberta's unfair labour laws. Della has spent time speaking to and supporting workers fighting for fair wages and fair contracts. The Alberta NDP does not accept corporate donations and will remain on the side of average working people.

Since a young age Della understood the need to stand up for affordable, accessible public health care. In the winter of 2000, she canvassed her community in St. Paul with a petition striving to oppose the Conservatives' efforts to bring in private health care via Bill 11.

Both of Della's parents are educators and have instilled in her the value of being "a student of life, a student for life". Having been raised in a bilingual French/English household, she is interested in languages and hopes to someday live in Taiwan with her spouse Trevor Zimmerman to study Mandarin Chinese.