

100 Certified General Accountants *Who Have Made a Difference*

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

In early 2008, in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the CGA designation, CGA-Canada and its provincial, territorial and regional affiliates launched an international search for 100 CGAs who have made an outstanding contribution to their communities and to the lives of others.

The 100 CGAs Who Have Made a Difference Selection Committee is pleased to recognize the following individuals for their exemplary efforts.

Sincerely,

Moe Jones, FCGA

Chair, Selection Committee
100 CGAs Who Have Made a Difference

CGA PIONEERS

JOHN LESLIE—founding father of the CGA designation

In 1908, at the dawn of a promising new century, John, then Assistant Comptroller at the Canadian Pacific Railway in Montreal, founded an association to encourage and support professionalism among accountants. Agreeing to lead what would become the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada required John to involve and inspire others, and to show exemplary leadership, foresight and commitment. CGAs will always be grateful for the difference John made.

IVY THOMAS (nee Cox)—first woman CGA

Ivy, who had spent five years performing clerical and secretarial duties at an accounting firm, made history in 1932 as the first woman to earn the CGA designation.

PATRICIA ALLEN

Patricia has dedicated the better part of her life to improving the lives of others, through her involvement in establishing numerous charitable foundations, raising awareness and funds for a variety of causes—among them a seniors’ housing project, a local kidney dialysis unit and a hospice—assisting Meals on Wheels for some 17 years, assuming various leadership roles with the Kiwanis Club, strengthening the Chamber of Commerce movement in Atlantic Canada and serving as a volunteer treasurer on at least 10 boards.

BILL ANDREWS (*deceased*)

After working in the public service and private sector, Bill became an educator and mentor for countless young people at the College of the North Atlantic where, affectionately known as Dr. Bill—someone who was both extremely personable and genuinely caring—he earned the enduring respect and affection of hundreds of students and graduates.

YIK FUNG AU-YEUNG

Since arriving in Vancouver four decades ago, Fung has repeatedly given back to his community, as a mentor, role model, fund-raiser and volunteer for a host of organizations including the Canadian Cancer Society, Chinese Cultural Centre, Public Legal Education Society and, for a quarter century, CGA’s Public Practice Committee.

CHANTAL BÉLANGER

A longtime contributor to her community, Chantal has been extremely active in many causes, among them: the South Shore Alzheimer Society, Charles Lemoyne Hospital Foundation, Youth Crossroads, Édouard Montpetit College’s development fund, La Traversée (assists victims of violence), Longueuil Symphony Orchestra and the Disabled Athletes Sports Challenge.

RONALD BOURQUE

Ron has spent more than three decades making a difference globally—assisting developing nations in Africa to establish trade and technical schools, bringing accounting reform and training to central Asian countries, and working in finance and administration for Habitat for Humanity International and World Vision’s Asia Tsunami humanitarian relief effort.

SIMON BRAULT

One of Canada’s most influential figures in arts and culture, Simon has led the way in building alliances between the country’s creative communities and the other stakeholders and has been the driving force behind numerous cultural projects, associations and events.

HAROLD CALLA

Tireless advocate for greater economic opportunities for Canada's First Nations people and respected financial leader, Harold—member of the Squamish Nation and chair of the First Nations Financial Management Board—has been a driving force behind numerous significant advances in Aboriginal economic development, land management and finance.

BEVERLY CAMPBELL

Bev served six years on the board of the Three Oaks Foundation, a shelter for abused women and their children in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, and as a Prince Edward County municipal councilor was instrumental in establishing the Affordable Housing working group and a member of the Homeless Initiative task force—just a few examples of her leadership role in the community and deep sense of social responsibility.

GORDON H. CAMPBELL (deceased)

Almost single-handedly, Gordon, a federal tax department employee, successfully opposed a move in the 1960s by legislators in B.C. to have CGAs in public practice merge with the province's CAs, a victory which contributed immensely to the strength of the CGA designation.

ROCH CHOLETTE

One of Roch's favourite causes is young people and, as a parliamentary assistant to the premier of Quebec, he undertook a broad-based consultation process that led to the development of the province's 2006–2009 Youth Action Strategy, which encompasses more than 80 initiatives and an investment of more than \$1 billion over three years.

GUY CLOUTIER

Accountant, entrepreneur, author and keynote speaker, Guy has frequently taken time from his hectic schedule to share, with student business clubs across Canada, his thoughts on how individuals and businesses can achieve their potential.

DARRELL COOK

As the father of a daughter with a disability, Darrell was a founding member of the Road Ahead Society, Calgary, a charitable organization that assists persons with limited abilities transition to independent living and their families to establish a strong support system.

BRUCE CROZIER

Since 1985, Bruce has served the public, as Leamington town councilor and mayor and, for the last 15 years, as Liberal MPP for Essex (Ontario), on top of spending a quarter century in senior positions with the Kinsmen Club, and sharing his financial expertise with the local arena board, recreation committee, Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross.

ROBERT DESPRÉS

Robert has contributed immensely to his community including helping to raise several million dollars over 10 years as president of steering committee of the Institut de cardiologie de Québec and serving 10 years as treasurer of the forerunner to the United Way.

VICTOR DOERKSEN

Among the highlights of his 14 years in Alberta politics, Victor was responsible for the creation of an advanced high-speed network, ensuring that schools and libraries could be connected, regardless of their location, as well as the National Institute of Nanotechnology at the University of Alberta, a key part of the province's innovation agenda.

CATHERINE EMRICK

A former CGA staff member, provincially and nationally, Catherine practices administrative, environmental and aboriginal law in Canada's north, and is also executive director for the Save Our Salmon Initiative, which strives to protect B.C.'s wild salmon and conserve the marine ecosystem.

GORDON FERGUSON

For more than three decades, Gordon has worked continuously to bring economic and quality of life opportunities to the small northern Alberta community of Slave Lake, including establishing in 1977—and continuing to run—the adult soccer league and spending Sundays entertaining seniors at the local lodge.

HAROLD GARLAND

Harry was a war hero and prisoner of war who, after earning his CGA designation in 1951, became CGA Ontario's fourth president (1959-60), and later worked, with the federal finance department, on revisions to the Income Tax Act and the introduction of the tax on capital gains.

CAROLE GOUIN

When Carole joined the Canada Revenue Agency (formerly Revenue Canada) as an auditor in 1975, she was one of only a few women who held a professional position within the public service, yet just 13 years later she broke new ground, becoming the first francophone woman to hold a senior management position (Director of the Rulings Directorate) at the agency.

AL JAMESON

Al's decades of service to what became the Rouge Valley Health System in Ontario began in 1985 when he helped Centenary Hospital with a fundraising campaign, became the hospital board's treasurer and chair, and served the health system's foundation until 2007—contributions which he has complemented by sharing his finance and management acumen with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, as finance committee chair and board chair, provincially and nationally.

GRANT KIRKUP

In 1986, Grant assembled a group to develop, win community support, design, build and raise funds for a new arena complex in his hometown of Souris, Manitoba and, eight years later, proved that he could take a mere concept to successful completion, while inspiring and motivating countless others along the way.

KEN KOBLY

A former town councilor and mayor, and vocal advocate for entrepreneurs, Ken has displayed a deep passion for serving the community of Beaumont as well as business owners throughout Alberta.

DARCY KOSHMAN

In the fall of 2007, Darcy traveled to Ukraine as chief financial officer with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress's volunteer Election Observer Mission, and, despite the staggering challenges—imagine every accountant's nightmare—he was able to make a difference.

GUY LEGAULT

An accomplished senior executive, Guy is also a generous and exceptional community leader who has made a difference through his involvement with a variety of organizations, including the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, where he serves as vice-chair and member of its Courage Campaign Cabinet.

REGINALD LEWIS

Reginald has dedicated decades of his life to the military and his community, serving in a variety of ways, among them: as a volunteer soldier in Canada's Reserve, rising to the highest rank attainable, and leading numerous military associations; through his lengthy involvement with Toronto's Good Neighbours' Club, a centre for older, homeless and unemployed men, offering leadership, guidance and mentorship, and as a member of the treasury board and senate of St. John Ambulance.

RICHARD LIM

As a volunteer with the Chinese Professional Association of Canada, Richard has overseen the association's growth to 19,000 members from 2,000 over eight years and he is working to find ways to assist internationally trained accountants in Ontario.

JOSEPH LLOYD-JONES

Joseph's varied and extensive community involvement includes volunteering for the Junior Achievement Program, advocating on behalf of Canadians with diabetes, serving as public member on the governing council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario—all in addition to being active in professional accounting matters provincially, nationally and internationally.

BRANDI MACHAN

Selfless, tirelessly devoted and an extraordinary leader is how Brandi is known in and around Lanark County where she has served as a longtime member of the board—currently chairperson—of the Perth and Smith Falls District Hospital, as vice-chair of the Health Care Network of South Eastern Ontario, as an enthusiastic supporter of the Perth and District Agricultural Society, as well as minor hockey and figure skating organizations, and families in need.

BERNARD MASSÉ

Bernard's contributions to the community include working with organizations that assist in the very challenging areas of reintegrating ex-offenders into society and helping substance abusers.

RÉAL MICHAUD

As both a manager and a volunteer, Réal spent decades working to improve the lives of young people, including the misguided, the disadvantaged, and the physically challenged, while still finding time to share his skills with other social causes.

JILA MOTT

Since immigrating to Canada four decades ago, Jila, a respected financial advisor and successful entrepreneur, has helped other immigrants and refugees from all over the world by supporting mentoring programs, creating motivational programs, assisting young single mothers to become employable, and designing financial management programs for outsourced employees.

HERBERT PERRY

Executive director of CGA Ontario from 1964–1979, a period of tremendous growth, Herbert volunteers with Warton's Frank Street Baptist Church, was chair of the church's board for eight years, is an honorary life deacon, was president of the Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound and Grey County, and vice president of Community Living in Burlington and Dufferin County.

FERNAND PLANTE

It took Fernand 20 years—he had to work with five different health ministries and overcome the resistance of two boards of directors—to get two seniors' residences to partner so they could share a new and vastly improved facility.

WYNNE POWELL

Wynne, an admired B.C. business leader with an extensive record of enthusiastic public service, is board chair of the Provincial Health Services Authority, co-chair of Variety Club's Cash for Kids program, a member of the YMCA's Surrey Building initiative and the St. John Ambulance Millennium Committee, a past member of the Premier's Economic Advisory Council, British Columbia's Institute of Technology's board chair for eight years and a lifetime governor for the institute's Foundation.

PHILLIP RAFUSE

In addition to his deep involvement with CGA, Phillip has been active with the YMCA and the Kiwanis Club, and served, with a special interest in mock disaster training, on a regional firefighters association, and on several education, economic and sustainable development task forces in Atlantic Canada.

YASMIN RATANSI

In 2004, Yasmin became the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Canadian House of Commons and, as a first generation immigrant, has been able to identify with the needs of new Canadians and served as a valued mentor to many.

DAVID RATTRAY

David has a distinguished career in accountancy and an extraordinary record of volunteer service, including: more than a quarter century of unequaled service with Scouting at the most senior levels—he was instrumental in the creation of the Scouts Canada Foundation; his contribution of financial management and fundraising expertise to the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre Foundation; his commitment to assist in establishing the Ottawa Heart Support Group; his valued involvement with the Community Foundation of Ottawa, and his passion and dedication to the Ottawa Christmas Exchange and Christmas Cheer Foundation.

ETTA RICHMOND

As CEO of Chilliwack General Hospital from 1976–1997, Etta, always the persistent visionary, developed an enviable system of program management, forged numerous innovative partnerships and initiated patient-focused care, later spent eight years successfully campaigning for a 10-bed hospice and now chairs an ambitious fundraising effort to help establish a new emergency department at the hospital.

DAN SIMUNIC

Dan has influenced the accounting profession, nationally and internationally, as editor of *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics*, and, most considerably, through his vast research, spanning close to a quarter century, into the economics of auditing.

GEORGES SMITH

Georges' profound attachment to the Gaspé region of Quebec has inspired him to dedicate his professional expertise and leadership skills to a host of causes, among them, a seniors home (board member of La Champenoise for more than 25 years and currently Chair), the Institut de cardiologie de Québec (board member for more than a dozen years) and to create the Georges Smith Fund, a scholarship source for college students.

JAMES SNOW

Jim is Mr. Volunteer, someone who has frequently lent a hand to community organizations, served the Knights of Columbus in New Brunswick in leadership roles for more than three decades and, after surviving heart surgery, for years helped other heart attack victims with their recoveries.

GAIL STEPHENS

Strategic and analytical, caring and inspiring, above all a leader, as Winnipeg's chief administrative officer and later CEO at the B.C. Pension Corporation, Gail, now Vice-president, Finance and Services, at the University of Calgary, has an extraordinary reputation as someone who can improve organizational performance and accountability, and engage others.

BETTY THOMPSON

Lauded as a woman of passion and integrity, Betty has long been active in her community, lending her insight and expertise to such organizations as the Calgary Homeless Foundation, the Calgary Housing Company, Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

LINDA TYNAN

Following the 2004 tsunami that devastated parts of South East Asia, Linda—director of corporate services and CFO for the City of Nelson, B.C.—jumped at the chance to be part of a three-person Canadian team, backed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, that is working to modernize and automate the finance departments of two Sri Lankan municipalities during four, two-week forays.

RONALD WAITE

A longtime advocate for greater opportunities for youth and community support for families in distress, Ron has shown extraordinary commitment to the less advantaged by sharing his leadership and fund-raising expertise with a host of organizations.

JOHN WILLIAMS

As a Member of Parliament from 1993 to 2008, John's commitment to government accountability and good governance is legendary and includes the establishment of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption and his chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee investigation into the federal sponsorship scandal.

CARL ZEHR

Carl has an extensive record of public service and community involvement, and is a Paul Harris Fellow, for his service to the Rotary Club and the city of Kitchener, as well as recipient of the Ontario Pharmacists' Association's Visionary Award.

REGINALD ATHERTON *(deceased)*

Reginald was instrumental in laying the groundwork for what led to CGA-BC's Act of Incorporation in 1951, an effort that was successful despite formidable opposition from a rival accountants association.

PIERRE BARNÈS

As the first CGA to become president of the Interamerican Accounting Association, from 2005 to 2007, Pierre—who has also served CGA provincially and nationally—supported the growth and professionalism of accounting organizations throughout the Americas.

FERN BELL

As the first female public practitioner in New Brunswick—and only the province's second female CGA—Fern was a trailblazer and role model for women, more than four decades ago.

WINSTON BEST

Winston has been instrumental in putting the CGA designation on the Caribbean's regional economic landscape, while still finding time to contribute to a host of charitable organizations.

RICHARD BOYACK

While president of CGA Alberta, Rick mobilized a phenomenal, eleventh-hour lobbying effort that forced the provincial government to withdraw legislation that would have denied CGAs public practice rights and led, in 1986, to equal practicing privileges for CGAs, CMAs and CAs.

JEANNINE BROOKS

A natural and enthusiastic leader, Jeannine has made significant and wide-ranging contributions to CGAs, the business community and the academic world over the last quarter century.

RAY CARROLL *(deceased)*

In addition to his significant contributions to CGA at the provincial, national and international levels, Ray, former director of the MBA program at Dalhousie University and honoured accounting professor, is the co-author of three seminal books—Managerial Accounting, Financial Accounting Principles, and Fundamental Accounting Principles.

GORDON CHAN

Gordon's energy, excitement and commitment, as an enthusiastic CGA volunteer, leader and mentor, have inspired countless others to help advance the designation, locally and nationally, and to forge strong ties with Asia.

SAM CHEUNG

Sam has served CGA with dedication and commitment during 15 years of lecturing, tutoring and program authorship, and has contributed to the community through his involvement with, among others, the La Salle Old Boys Association.

DAVEY CHOCHINOV

Davey, who personally obtained support from then Premier Ed Schreyer to get CGA Manitoba established in 1973, later also played an important role in the founding of CGA Saskatchewan.

RON COLUCCI

Active in the fight for CGA public accounting rights, Ron currently represents CGAs on the Ontario Public Accountants Council and is a longtime community volunteer and political supporter.

JACK COULTER (*deceased*)

In 1941, Jack became the first editor of the General Accountant publication for B.C. members and later authored the “oath of obligation” as well as the ethics section of the original association bylaws.

A.L. (BERT) DARTNELL

Over four decades, Bert, who holds a doctorate in economics, has taught and marked CGA courses at nearly every level, wrote three study guides for CGA-BC as well as certain updates, and assisted CGA-Canada to review every exam at every level for seven years—more than 100 in some years.

JAMES DUNPHY

Lawyer, CGA and mentor, James spent more than a dozen years volunteering for CGA Alberta where, due to his long-term vision and persistence, the association adopted the highly successful Carver model of governance.

JOYCE EVANS

Known for her dedicated service to CGA, Joyce has also been involved in the joint mission of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian International Development Agency to modernize the finance departments in two Sri Lankan municipalities after the devastating tsunami of late 2004.

GINETTE FORTIN

Ginette’s success as an entrepreneur, financial services executive, longtime CGA volunteer and community activist has been a valuable inspiration to young professionals working outside of Quebec’s major centres.



RONALD FRANCIS

A respected college teacher for three decades and a longtime CGA volunteer, Ron, who became the first black CGA Ontario president in 2003, has also served on numerous community boards and continues to promote self-respect and civic responsibility among youth.

JAMES GAA

A distinguished professor, researcher and authority on the ethics of accounting, James can be credited with bringing the academic and practitioner communities closer together in part through his lengthy service to CGA associations at the provincial, national and international levels.

DANY GIRARD

A leader and visionary, Dany has played a significant role in bringing progressive change to CGA-Canada, including the delivery of a new Strategic Plan, the brokering of international alliances and the adoption of a streamlined governance model.

DALE GISLASON

Beyond building a thriving public practice on the Prairies, Dale has contributed to the profession at every level, always with his particular approach to understanding people's differences and striving to reconcile them.

GEORGE GORELIK

Over nearly a quarter century, George served on numerous CGA-BC committees, the Board of Governors and the Educational Foundation, while also helping to strengthen the early ties between the University of British Columbia and CGA nationally and provincially.

MICHEL GUINDON

An internationally respected academic, specializing in management auditing and accounting standards and performance metrics, Michel has been involved in an impressive list of volunteer activities, including extensive committee work and organizing coaching sessions for some 3,000 students preparing for CGA examinations.

DEREK HUESTIS

Among his numerous contributions to the profession and his community, Derek spearheaded a determined—and successful—seven-year campaign for full public accounting rights for CGAs in Prince Edward Island.

VERN KRISHNA

An engaging public speaker, noted columnist and distinguished authority on tax law and the impact of tax policy on Canadians, Vern has also worked tirelessly, in innumerable areas, for and within the CGA profession for more than two decades.

ALAIN LAPLANTE

A longtime CGA volunteer, Alain has worked to increase the visibility and recognition of the designation, and helped secure public practice rights for members in Quebec.

DON LARLEE

A champion for CGAs in Nova Scotia, Don has also been a generous contributor to his community, supporting the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Learning Disabilities Association, and the Special Olympics.

LESLIE LINNITT (deceased)

For nearly its entire first decade, CGA-BC was run out of the home of Les, secretary-treasurer for the one-man operation, until, in 1960, having outgrown the premises and manpower available, the association was moved to its own office and staff was hired.

JAMES MACBETH (deceased)

When Jim became president of CGA-BC in 1965, he was the first president of the association to come from outside the Metro Vancouver area and so his tenure forever raised the profile of hard-working provincial chapter volunteers.

THOMAS McCALLUM

Course author, columnist and leader of more than 1,000 tax seminars across the country, Tom has served CGAs nationally and provincially for more than a quarter century.

WILLIAM McCALPIN (deceased)

As head of the examination committee and with the input of professors at the University of British Columbia, William played a pivotal role in what became the CGA program of study, the basis for the CGA designation's exemplary standards and stellar reputation.

BILL MERCER

Having served CGA with commitment at all levels, Bill was asked to lead the 1980s task force that resulted in Program 90, the fully revised and upgraded CGA Program of Professional Studies that, for the first time, included competency-based objectives and the integration of computer technology.

LOUISE NESTERENKO

Successful entrepreneur, all around enthusiast and enabler, and enterprising fund-raiser for community causes, Louise has spent the last quarter century serving CGAs provincially and nationally.

DONALD PAGE

Donald, a retired Canadian securities industry senior executive, was a distinguished pioneer in the building of CGA Ontario who has also served the wider community admirably and is now a municipal councilor for Dutton-Dunwich.

TONI PARADIS (deceased)

In 1951, Toni became the first woman in B.C. to earn the CGA designation, toured high schools to promote the accounting profession, became editor of the CGA publication, the General Accountant, and, in 1970, became the first woman in the province to receive the honour of CGA Fellowship.

DANIÈLE PÉRUSSE

Danièle—a former staff member turned university instructor—has been a dedicated ambassador for CGA, committed to raising the profile of the designation while contributing to the excellence of CGA educational materials.

JEAN PRÉCOURT

A distinguished CGA representative on the national and international stages, Jean has also served the association provincially, sharing his wealth of experience as a senior financial executive and university lecturer in accounting sciences and engineering management.

DONNA PRICE

A dedicated volunteer with CGA Manitoba who is renowned for her people skills, Donna's hard-earned success as a senior executive in both the airline and financial services industries has been an inspiration for the many CGAs and students whom she has addressed over the years.

LUC PROVENCHER

A recipient of CGA-Canada's prestigious John Leslie award for exceptional achievement, Luc spent more than 30 years at the Business Development Bank of Canada, as a leader, mentor and coach, where he cultivated an extraordinary business network and helped countless small enterprises develop and prosper.

SHIRLEY REILLY

Starting at the chapter level, Shirley gave CGA more than 15 years of distinguished service, and then turned her attention—and considerable business expertise—to a host of community organizations.

*D. ALLAN SAVIDANT*

Born and raised in Summerside, P.E.I., Allan is the only Island CGA to ever serve as president of CGA-Canada, an accomplishment matched only by his enormous contribution—from beginning to end—to secure public practice rights for CGAs in his home province, and to understand and preserve CGA history across Canada.

KEITH SCOTT

Keith has volunteered extensively with CGA provincially and nationally, including chairing the national education committee in the 1980s during the development of a new education planning process and serving on the task force that spawned the integration of computer technology into the education program.

DON SULLIVAN

Don—a colourful accountant, musician, sailor, pilot and rancher—established Brandon's first CGA firm in 1979, spent years volunteering with CGA, and coached and encouraged untold western Manitobans to enter the CGA program.

DAVID VENN

A Sudbury miner who became a quadriplegic following a boating accident, David earned his CGA designation, bought a CGA firm, then spent five years battling the Public Accountancy Council for the right to practice public accounting before giving up his business to work for another firm.

SYLVIE VOGHEL

Widely recognized for her passionate commitment to accounting practices in small and medium-sized enterprises and small and medium practices, Sylvie has worked particularly hard, and with poise, to raise the profile and credibility of CGA at the international level.

HERB WODEHOUSE

Over the course of three decades, Herb has been a strong advocate for the CGA designation, employed and mentored many CGAs in his public accounting practice and served the association at every level.

RAYMOND YEUNG

Beyond his contributions to CGA—Raymond was a founder of CGA-Hong Kong, and an early proponent of strategic alliances—he successfully fought for smaller, primary and secondary school class sizes in Hong Kong and against the administration's proposed goods and services tax.



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DANIEL ZEGHAL

As the volunteer executive director of the University of Ottawa's CGA Accounting Research Centre since its inception in 1991, Daniel, a highly respected academic, has organized 16 annual conferences, attracting scores of accountants, lawyers, academics, government officials and business people, and has substantially raised the profile of CGA through the Centre's publications, workshops and repository of 10,000 corporate annual reports from a dozen industrialized countries.

