

## BOARD MEMBERS 2021



**ELIZABETH (LIZ) ALLCHIN** has lived in St Albert since 1981. She was employed at the St Albert Seniors Association as the Outreach worker in the 1980s; another not for profit seniors' group in Edmonton; and was also employed by a disability organization and as an educator. Liz volunteered with the St Albert Youth Justice Committee as Chair for several years as well as volunteered for other agencies in St Albert. Liz believes that the Seniors Association is a necessary support that enables the older population to remain active members in the community.

Currently Liz is a member of Geriactors and Friends and stays active through Aquacize and Yoga. Liz is a recipient of the St. Albert Legion Diamond Jubilee Medal for Community Service to Seniors. Liz was elected to the S.A.S.A. Board in 2019, serving as a member of the Compliance and Risk Management committee and Dinner Theatre Committee.



**CATHERINE (CATHIE) CLAUSEN** moved to St. Albert in 1978 and joined S.A.S.A. in 1989. Cathie's main career after giving up teaching was to raise three children and to commit time and effort to building a successful family business in Edmonton, importing European antique furnishings and Fine Arts. To survive the 1980s, they shifted focus from retail to full time auction, continuing to specialize in "Antiques and Fine Art Auctions". Their support of both the Auctioneers Association of Alberta, and the Auctioneers Association of Canada gave Cathie extensive experience in serving on boards. Cathie retired in 2010. She was elected to the S.A.S.A. Board in 2019, serving as Chair of the Governance Committee for one year.



**HARRY GAFFNEY** and his wife, Shirley, have lived in St. Albert since October 1970 and he has been a member of S.A.S.A. since 2017. After practicing law for over 50 years and being appointed a Q.C. in 1988, he retired in 2019. For about 6 years he acted as a chair person for the Canada Review Tribunal.

As a volunteer, he was a member and chairperson of the Sturgeon Hospital Foundation (for 9 years). He was a board member and President of the society which runs the Edmonton Ronald McDonald House. He was also a member of the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years and served as the Secretary. Volunteering on the S.A.S.A. board is a way for him to give back to St. Albert. He has been on the Board since 2019.

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**MERV GRAHAM** arrived in St. Albert from Richmond, BC in 2016 to live near his children and grandchildren. He joined the St. Albert Seniors Association in 2017 and has spent many happy occasions volunteering, and is best known as one of the bartenders for social events and as a member of the Risk Management Committee.

Merv started his working life in the electrical trades as an Industrial Electrical Technician working in Marathon, Ontario, Frobisher Bay, and Inuvik, NWT. In 1973 he attended UBC in Vancouver to study and become a teacher, and went on to teach high school in Vancouver from 1978 to 2002. Merv has been involved in volunteer and committee work most of his life including Cubs and Scout Leader, volunteer fire fighter and various committees, and has been involved in every aspect of volunteering from floor sweeper to Chair/President of various organizations. He is currently involved as a volunteer instructor/mentor with the Edmonton Woodturner's Guild. In 2018, Merv was elected to the Association's Board but found it necessary to resign due to health reasons. He was re-elected to the Board in 2020.



**MARIAN LANG** retired in 2013 from the Government of Alberta where she worked for the Public Affairs Bureau and as Office Manager in Communications for several departments over 15 years, lastly Alberta Treasury Board and Finance.

Exercise classes for seniors first drew her to the St Albert Seniors Association where she was soon volunteering and then elected to the Board of Directors. Marian has served on the Board since 2016, either chairing or sitting on several Board committees, including Fund Development, Governance, Finance, Recruitment and Executive Committee. She served two terms as Vice President. She also volunteers on various fundraising committees, and she and her husband Gunnar enjoy providing music for some of the dinner dances and events.

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**JANET MONEY** What a surreal year 2020 has been to have taken on one of the positions as a Board Member for S.A.S.A. Restrictions imposed by Covid-19 have given myself, as well as other Board members, some challenges in governing the direction of the Association; however, on a positive note Covid-19 has allowed me to get my feet wet at a slower pace than if we had a regular year.

My background as Executive Director of Human Resources and Labour Relations in a health region, which spanned thirty-some years in Alberta, as well as working as a Consultant for the past ten years providing support to School Boards and Health organizations, has hopefully allowed me to be an asset in assisting the Board move forward with their strategic planning.

*"I look forward to my second year on the Board with excitement as there is a little light at the end of the tunnel in controlling Covid and moving our organization back to some normalcy."*



**LYDIA YEOMANS** is a retired educator who spent her entire career with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools as a teacher, Vice Principal, Principal and District Principal where she worked with teachers, support staff, senior administration and board members. She has had numerous roles with various community organizations in St. Albert and Edmonton.

Lydia looks for ways to contribute to whatever organization she belongs to. Currently she is very happy to serve on the Board of Directors of the St. Albert Seniors Association.

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**WAYNE MCCUTCHEON** has been a member of S.A.S.A. since 2014. After retiring from 35 years in University of Alberta Landscape Design, Construction and Maintenance in 2015, he has regularly volunteered in the S.A.S.A. kitchen and acted as Buffet Manager for special events. He has acted as security and host for outside user groups, and tended bar for special events. Wayne has served on the S.A.S.A. Board since 2018 where he was chair of the Communications and Public Relations Committee, now defunct, and served on the 50th Anniversary and Fund Development Committees.

He has, over the years, used his organizational skills and enjoyment of public speaking in service to the community – St. Albert Rotary Club, Northern Alberta International Children’s Festival, Healing Garden Committee, St Albert Scouting Groups, to name a few. Wayne has been married to Sandyne for 40 years and has two grown sons, both living in Vancouver. When he is not volunteering, he loves to hike, canoe, bike, garden, cook and read.

*“The past three years as your Board member have provided me with countless opportunities to stay involved with our seniors’ community here in St. Albert by providing support to our Association and individuals. Time well spent continues to be rewarding and fulfilling.”*

Wayne is standing for re-election in 2021.