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100th anniversary of  
King Solomon Lodge No. 58

**JULY 30 - AUGUST 2, 2010**

## ***The Call of Kamsack***

More intricate than a migration of geese, faster than Twitter, the Kamsack network is again abuzz for those with their ears to the ground. After a wildly successful reunion to celebrate the town's centennial in 2005, our star-studded committee is planning an even bigger homecoming for July 30 - August 2, 2010.

In 2002, the dream of the late Wally Sasyniuk to celebrate both Kamsack's and Saskatchewan's centennial was set in motion. With him on the original committee were Terri Christopher, Natalie Karnitsky, Cecelia Cazakoff, Bill Zbeetnoff, and Evelyn Banks. When Wally was unable to continue, Audrey Horkoff took over as chair, with Cecelia Cazakoff as co-chair. Like a snowball down Duck Mountain, the bright idea drew more and more volunteers. By 2005 most of the town was engaged in one way or another, with so many tying yellow ribbons around Kamsack's profusion of trees that yellow plastic garbage bags were not to be found between here and Yorkton. On Friday, August 5 over 2000 registered at the rink, not including children. Weather, attendance, and facilities could not have been better, according to organizers and participants. Pancake breakfasts started each day and bands and DJs provided dance music on the street, in the Kamplex, Legion, and Ukrainian Catholic hall until the wee small hours. Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock unveiled a mural painted by Lottie Prokott depicting Kamsack's history with a plaque dedicated "to all those who made it possible for Kamsack to flourish." Pervading the entire weekend was this same flourishing spirit in hearts that will always hold Kamsack dear.

After sharing the proceeds of the event with various groups in town, the committee put seed money away for a future reunion: *Because Once Wasn't Enough*. The 2010 Homecoming Committee is composed of many of the original stalwarts, plus new recruits. Terry Horkoff has joined chair Audrey Horkoff as vice-chair, in charge of marketing, advertising, and sponsorship. Still active in an oil and gas career, Terry was among several to move back to his hometown following the last reunion. Other members & volunteers are: Evelyn Banks, Cecelia Cazakoff, Lydia and Peter Cherkas, Peter Dubasoff, Wendy Becenko, Denise Wishnevetski-Grozik, Aleida Jordens, Adeline Nykolaishen, John Ferniuk, Kerry Chernoff, Larry Zbeetnoff, Rod Gardner, Betty Andrychuk, Kim Walker, Paul Keys, Donna Sugawara, Robert Ritchie, Wayne Sas, Ken Cymbalisty, Myrna Dey, Wayne Maughan, Rick Aikman, Chester Olson, Jack Koreluik, William Koreluik, and Greg Nichol.

Not to be overlooked are the willing hands of Davies Towers seniors who have helped stuff 4,000 envelopes with 2010 invitations to our vast Kamsack flock, which includes anyone who has ever called our pretty streets or fields home, however briefly. This is a mere formality, and everyone is welcome with or without a notice. Please check Facebook for a list of committed attendees so far.



**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE APPLAUDED:** A reception was held Feb. 15 in honor of members of the Kamsack centennial committee who were applauded for "all their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for a job well done" organizing and staging Kamsack's centennial celebration in August 2005. Nominated for a Tourism Saskatchewan award of excellence, the committee was presented with a trophy that says it was awarded to the most "Authentic, Best, Cotton-pickin', Dedicated, Energetic, Flexible, Genuine, Hard-working, Indisputable, Jubilant, Keen, Lively, Money-making, Networked, Outstanding, Proudful, Quick-witted, Ready-raring, Superb, Tenacious, Unadulterated, Vigorous, Worthy, Xcellent, Young-spirited, Zealous committee this side of the Rockies." Attending the reception, from left, were: Adeline Nykolaishen, Betty Andrychuk, Natalie Karnitsky, Nick Trofimenkoff, Audrey Horkoff, Cecelia Cazakoff, Ev Banks, Peter Cherkas, John Cazakoff and Fred Strukoff. Members of the committee who did not attend the function included: Terri Christoffer, Ruth Cooper, Shirley Moore, Kim Walker, Lyn McGaughy, Bill Zbeetnoff, Ray Muir, Aleida Jordens, Stan Tysowski, Brian Marion, Lydia Cherkas, John Moriarty and Larry Zbeetnoff.

***...Because Once Wasn't Enough!***