

BACKGROUND
2005 Order of British Columbia

Dr. Raghbir Singh Bains

Surrey

Dr. Raghbir Singh Bains emigrated to Canada in 1990, and has since worked tirelessly as a volunteer, community activist and educator for many organizations to promote cultural understanding and mutual respect. He has presented at seminars and conferences world-wide on the subjects of drugs and youth, AIDS awareness, environmental issues and world peace. Dr. Bains has won over 60 local, national and international awards for his volunteer work. He was declared Scholar of the 20th Century by the Government of Punjab, and awarded the Order of Khalsa. He has received the Bhai Gurdas International Award from India, and Good Citizen of the Year Award from the City of Surrey. Dr. Bains was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal for outstanding community service.

Denny Boyd

West Vancouver

Mr. Denny Boyd is a long-serving print journalist of the *Vancouver Sun*, renowned for his witty observations on public personalities in sports and politics, and for sharing with readers the trials and successes of his own struggles with illness. After 35 years as a daily columnist, Boyd retired from the *Sun*, but continues to write books. He has also volunteered for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Diabetes Association, the West Vancouver Public Library, and many alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs. In 1997, Mr. Boyd won the Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Felix A. Durity

Delta

Dr. Felix Durity is a scholarly neurosurgeon and humanitarian who has dedicated his life to seeking out the best possible neurosurgical care for the people of British Columbia. As Head of the Neurosurgery Division, he trained and provided salary support for young neurosurgeons and neurosurgical residents at the University of British Columbia. He founded the first Canadian intracranial (brain) pressure monitoring unit at Vancouver General Hospital, which revolutionized acute care management of head injury. Dr. Durity has served on numerous hospital, university, community, national and international committees for neuroscience. He has also founded a Centre of Excellence Project in Clinical Neuroscience in Ghana, West Africa. Dr. Durity has received the Primus Inter Pares degree from the Vancouver Medical Association, the Cam Coady Medal for Excellence for education and humanitarianism, and was named one of the "Best Doctors in Canada" by Woodward/White Inc. in 1998.

Charles Elliott
Brentwood Bay

Charles Elliott's legendary artwork brought the visual language of the Coast Salish Nation to life, when it was in danger of being lost. A master carver, Mr. Elliott conducted extensive research to locate images and information that would allow him to rediscover the symbolic imagery of the Coast Salish people. His artwork is featured in galleries and private collections all over the world. He has also produced many major commissions, both corporate and private, including a design for the Queen's Baton for the 1994 Commonwealth Games. He is a mentor for countless emerging artists, teaching students from elementary to college level, and an active volunteer and fundraiser for the LAU WELNEW Tribal School.

June E. Goldsmith, C.M.
Vancouver

June Goldsmith is the Founder and Artistic Director of *Music in the Morning*, a concert society featuring local, national and international artists. She has created a niche in the city with her unique morning format featuring performances along with commentary by the artists. *Music in the Morning* has helped to launch the careers of many young artists and also introduced new works by contemporary Canadian composers. She has been a Juno Award adjudicator and jury member for The Canada Council for the Arts. In 1992, she received the Canada 125 Medal, and was inducted into the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame in 2002. Ms. Goldsmith received the Order of Canada in 2004 for her achievements and contributions to the arts in Canada.

Dr. Edward John Hughes, O.C.
Duncan

Dr. Edward Hughes is a master painter and legendary artist known for his depictions of British Columbia's landscapes. His artwork represents a visual history of the province, and captures the essence of west coast life. Dr. Hughes served in World War II as an Official War Artist, and his works now hang in the Canadian War Museum. He has also studied with artists from the Group of Seven, and his work has been exhibited in many galleries. He is a recipient of Honourary Doctorates from the Emily Carr College of Art and Design, the University of Victoria, and Malaspina University-College. He received the Order of Canada in 2001.

Jack Jensen
Kelowna

Mr. Jack Jensen's legendary voice gave the country music group The Rhythm Pals their distinctive sound. The trio began their career on Vancouver's CKNW radio, and were one of the first Canadian acts to appear on U.S. television. They starred on the Tommy Hunter Show for 17 years, and The Rhythm Pals won three RPM (Juno) Awards for Top Country Music Group. Mr. Jensen is actively involved in volunteering, fundraising and entertaining for charity. He was inducted into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame, the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Canadian Country Music Association Hall of Honour.

Dr. Perry Robert William Kendall
Victoria

Dr. Perry Kendall has devoted his professional life to promoting and pursuing innovative health practices in British Columbia. His efforts have focused on the prevention of disease, injury and disability and the promotion of population health. Formerly the CEO of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, Dr. Kendall is considered to be one of Canada's leading authorities on public health and addiction. He was instrumental in developing needle exchange programs and the first safe supervised injection site in Canada. His leadership enabled the province to rapidly mobilize its resources against a potential outbreak of Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and avian influenza. As provincial health officer, he is currently working with the Ministry of Health to develop Core Public Health programs, and modernize the Health Act.

William Patrick (W.P.) Kinsella, O.C.
Yale

Mr. W.P. Kinsella is one of the most successful and prolific writers in Canada. In the past 25 years, he has published over 30 novels and collections of short stories, hundreds of articles, reviews, poems, stage and screen plays. His work has been translated into several languages, and several of his works have been made into movies or television series. Mr. Kinsella has received many honours throughout his writing career, including several honorary doctorates, and awards such as the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour, Author of the Year from the Canadian Booksellers Association, and the Order of Canada.

Bob Lenarduzzi
Vancouver

Mr. Bob Lenarduzzi has had an outstanding career as a soccer player, representing Canada at the World Cup and Olympic levels. He was twice named Canadian Soccer League's Coach of the Year, and has coached Canada's Olympic and World Cup teams. He has also spent countless hours running youth camps and clinics to promote and nurture soccer in Canada. He has been inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame, United Soccer League's Hall of Fame, the North American Soccer Hall of Fame, and the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

E. George MacMinn, Q.C.
Victoria

Mr. E. George MacMinn is the most senior parliamentary officer of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly, and the longest serving table officer in Commonwealth Parliament. He is widely recognized internationally as a pre-eminent expert on parliamentary law, practice, precedent and procedure. Mr. MacMinn has also set exemplary standards for volunteer work and fundraising in the community. He was awarded the Queen's Medal for Outstanding Service to the Legislative Assembly in 2003.

Dr. Patrick L. McGeer, O.C. and Dr. Edith McGeer, O.C.
Vancouver

Drs. Patrick and Edie McGeer are neuroscientists and leading researchers of Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases. The McGeers are recognized as being among the world's top 100 most highly cited neuroscientists. In addition to research, they continue to serve on many scientific review panels and boards in the field of neuroscience. Dr. Patrick McGeer has also served as an MLA and Cabinet Minister. Their joint honours and awards include Honourary Doctors of Science Degrees from the University of British Columbia, the Medal of Service from the Cam Coady Foundation, the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Prize from the University of Toronto, and a lifetime achievement award from the Science Council of BC. They were also named Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, and Officers of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Martha C. Piper, O.C.
Vancouver

Dr. Martha Piper is President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia. She has provided leadership to achieve major advancements in learning, research and community engagement at UBC, which now is ranked among the best 50 universities in the world. Dr. Piper was a central force in developing the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Research Chairs, two national initiatives that have significantly increased Canada's international R & D competitiveness. She is an active participant in BC business summits and international organizations, and is past Chair of the United Way campaign. She has also received the Order of Canada.

Anthony von Mandl
Westbank

Anthony von Mandl has dedicated his life to developing the wine industry in BC's Okanagan Valley. He has created a world-class winery destination in his Mission Hill Family Estate, where he continues to work hard to raise the profile of agri-tourism domestically, nationally and internationally. His support of the culinary and performing arts has resulted in increased employment and business opportunities in the region. Mr. von Mandl was recently recognized as the first Canadian to be honoured as the President-elect of the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London, England.