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# ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA BROADCASTERS INDUCTED INTO THE CAB HALF-CENTURY CLUB, June 2009

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters is pleased to welcome the following Half-Century members who joined the Canadian Broadcasting industry 50 years ago or more.

# RADIODIFFUSEURS DE L'ALBERTA, DE LA SASKATCHEWAN ET DU MANITOBA INSTALLÉS AU CLUB DEMI-SIÈCLE DE L'ACR, juin 2009

L'Association canadienne des radiodiffuseurs est heureuse d'accueillir au Club Demi-siècle les membres suivant. Ces nouveaux membres se sont joint à l'industrie de la radiodiffusion canadienne il y a 50 ans ou plus.

# **JAMES STEWART EDWARDS**

Retired, Edmonton AB (Birthplace: Edmonton AB)

In September 1955, Jim Edwards ran out of beer money at the University of Alberta and offset that by working as a classical DJ on CKVA at 35¢ an hour (beer cost 10¢). He worked full-time at CKVA from 1958-62, rising to News Director. He then moved to Vancouver and worked at CHQM as Announcer and News Editor from 1963-64.

Dick Rice brought Jim back to Edmonton in June 1964 to found CFRN-FM. He moved to CFRN-AM in 1972 as Operations Manager and served as General Manager of CFRN's radio division from 1976-84. He was President of Western Association of Broadcasters for its golden anniversary in 1984. Elected to Parliament in September 1984, Jim served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Communications and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications & Culture. He authored and took through the House and Senate the *Copyright Act* and the *Broadcasting Act*. In 1993, Jim served in the federal cabinet as President of the Treasury Board.

After working for nine years in policy, Jim returned to radio and became Director of CJCA Edmonton in the 1990s, retiring in 1998 after 31 years in broadcasting. Jim recently interviewed the six living former Prime Ministers of Canada (for the U of A and CBC).

## TOM C.D. FONG

Freelance wedding and industry photographer, Regina SK (Birthplace: Canton China)

In 1956 Tom C.D. Fong was hired by General Manager Harold (Hal) Crittenden to work at CKCK-TV in Regina as a Photographic Technician. Tom had previously earned a diploma from a photography correspondence course from the New York Institute of Photography. In July 1977 Tom enrolled into a colour film processing course in Vancouver, conducted by the Kodak Marketing and Education Centre, from which he received a Certificate of Achievement. Tom was promoted to Assistant Director of the Photo Department in 1979. In September 1991 Tom took early retirement from CKCK-TV due to down-sizing at the station. He now works as a freelance wedding and industry photographer.

## **DON KAY**

Radio Consulting, ON, MB, SK, BC (Birthplace: Sault Ste. Marie ON)

Don started his radio career part-time at CKCY in 1957 while still in high school in Sault Ste. Marie. His first jobs in the station included numbering records in the music library and working as board operator for the Italian Canadian Hour. In 1959 he joined CKMP in Midland, ON full-time as an announcer, and later spent a year at CKBB/CKVR in Barrie, ON. Don moved west to CHED in Edmonton in 1962. During his 19 years at CHED with Moffat Communications, he was on air for 10 years, Assistant Program Director, Sales Rep and General Sales Manager. In the early 80s, Don managed Moffatt Communication's stations CHAM in Hamilton and later CKY/CITI in Winnipeg. After almost 30 years with Moffat Communications, all of their radio stations were sold and Don moved back to Edmonton, but remained very active in the radio business. In 1999, he returned to

CHAM in Hamilton. Over the years, Don served on the boards of numerous broadcast-related organizations, including two years as a Director of the Radio Bureau of Canada. Since 2001, Don has been involved with radio consulting with stations in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

# WALLACE (WALLY) I. KIRK

Semi-Retired/Consultant with Waljen Entertainment, Edmonton AB (Birthplace: Edmonton AB)

Wally was born and raised in Edmonton. After completing the Radio and Television Arts Program at Ryerson University in Toronto, he returned to Edmonton and began his broadcasting career at CFRN-TV as a Writer/Producer in 1958. In 1962 Wally joined CFCN-TV in Calgary as Client Service Director. In 1966, he joined Foster Advertising in Vancouver as an Account Executive. He later took a similar position at Vickers and Benson in Toronto.

Wally returned to broadcasting and to Alberta in 1969 when he re-joined CFCN-TV in Calgary as Program Manager. The opening of a new independent television station (ITV) brought Wally home to Edmonton to develop the station's programming in 1974. Wally directed the programming until his retirement in September of 1999. Since 1982 he served as Vice-President and General Manager and held the position of Executive Vice-President, programming, Western International Communications Television. Wally is a past President of the Western Association of Broadcasters and a past Chairman of the CAN PRO programming festival.

Now semi-retired, Wally provides consulting services through Waljen Entertainment (waljen@shaw.ca). Projects have included successful applications for specialty television services on behalf of Global Television, research on corporate copyright, and successful application for a national pay television license for Allarco Entertainment.

## **DOUGLAS O'BRIEN**

Retired, Flin Flon MB (Birthplace: Regina SK)

Doug's first broadcasting job was in sales with Midwest Broadcasting (CJME Radio) in August 1959 in Regina. He moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba to CFAR Radio in September 1972 as Station Manager. The Rawlinson family of Prince Albert owned the station. In 1974 they opened CJAR in The Pas, Manitoba and in 1977 the

family purchased CHTM Thompson. Doug became Manager of all three stations. In 1982 he purchased the three stations that made up Arctic Radio from the Rawlinsons.

Doug and his wife Dona were very involved in the communities in which they operated. Doug received the Executive Committee Award in 2003 from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. He was involved with the Rotary Club of Flin Flon for 30 years having served as Director, Secretary, President of the local club, and as District Governor from the 5550 District of Rotary. He also received the Pioneer Award from the Broadcasting Association of Manitoba in 2001. Doug retired in 2000 because, he says, "it was time!" His son took over the management of the stations. Doug adds, "I don't think you ever really leave the business!"

# ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA BROADCASTERS INDUCTED INTO THE CAB QUARTER-CENTURY CLUB, June 2009

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters is pleased to welcome the following members into the CAB Quarter-Century Club. Each has served a minimum of 25 years in the broadcasting industry.

# RADIODIFFUSEURS DE L'ALBERTA, DE LA SASKATCHEWAN ET DU MANITOBA INSTALLÉS AU CLUB QUART-DE-SIÈCLE DE L'ACR, juin 2009

L'Association canadienne des radiodiffuseurs est heureuse d'accueillir les nouveaux membres suivant au Club Quart-de siècle de l'ARC. Chacun d'eux a oeuvré au moins 25 ans dans le secteur de la radiodiffusion.

## **DAVE BLAKELY**

Studio Assistant, Global Television, Edmonton AB (Birthplace: Estevan SK)

From a young age, Dave was fascinated with broadcasting, as his uncle Stewart Blakely had worked in radio for years. During high school in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Dave joined the Radio and Television Club where his interest grew even more. His first broadcasting job was working weekends at the local radio station CKSW in 1974. In November 1975, while Dave was in Grade 12, he went full-time as a DJ, covering a variety of on-air shifts. In December 1976

Dave attended NAIT in Edmonton and took Radio and Television Arts, graduating with honors. He started in television at CITV Edmonton on December 4, 1978. There, he worked in Master Control and as a Video Tape Operator. He went to Superchannel Pay TV from 1982-89 as Master/VTR Op. Dave went back to CITV in 1989 and worked there as Master/VTR Operator and then as Media Coordinator with Global Edmonton. Dave was laid off in July 2004 and left the industry until returning in June of 2008. "I am very glad to be back in broadcasting," he says.

## SEANNA COLLINS

Host, 104.9 EZ Rock Morning Show, contractor for Global TV, Edmonton AB (Birthplace: Edmonton AB)

Seanna's career began in Calgary in 1981 as a receptionist at CKXL. In October 1983 Moffat Communications transferred her to CHAB Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to begin her on-air career. In September 1985 Seanna moved to Q92 FM Regina where she became the first solo female morning host in Saskatchewan. In September 1987 Seanna moved to Edmonton to work with the all-mighty 630 CHED, eventually as Co-Host on the award-winning CHED Morning Show.

In 1993 Seanna left radio to host the daily lifestyle program "Day by Day" for CFRN TV Edmonton. When the show went black in June 1996, she returned to radio as morning Co-Host of the Mix 96 Morning Show in Edmonton. In June 1997 Seanna started her own company and began freelancing in both radio and television. Her contracts over the years have included stations in Edmonton including K-97 Radio, Shaw TV, Magic 99 Radio and Global TV where she was a host and traffic reporter for the Global Morning Show from 2000-06. She has held many contracts with companies for media relations, PR, publicity and is spokesperson for some of Edmonton's most prominent businesses. Seanna can be reached at Seanna@SeannaCollins.com

## **CAM COWIE**

General Manager, Harvard Broadcasting, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Regina SK)

Cam began his broadcasting career in 1983 when he left a marketing position with the Saskatchewan Roughriders to join The Hill Companies as an Account Executive with CKCK Television in Regina. He later assumed the position of Retail Sales Manager. In 1991 Cam joined Craig Media Inc. as General Sales Manager and held various titles within the organization and its many successors, including Vice President, Television Manitoba; Vice President, Revenue Management and Sales Administration; and Vice President and General Manager of CityTV Winnipeg. Cam returned to The Hill Companies in 2008 and now serves as the General Manager for Harvard Broadcasting Inc. in Calgary. In this position, he manages the daily operations of the company's eight radio stations.

# **DAWNA DOCHERTZ**

Program Co-ordinator, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Dawna has been with Global Calgary for over 30 years, dating back to her hiring in September 1978. During this time she has worked as a VTR Operator for Calgary Flames broadcasts on 2 & 7, as Script Assistant on "Mr. Wizard's World," and as a Traffic Clerk, WIC Mobile Production Co-ordinator and Program Co-ordinator.

## PAUL DUNPHY

Weather Anchor, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Paul began his broadcasting career as a radio DJ at CFGP Grande Prairie, Alberta in 1974. In October of that same year, he moved to CHAT Medicine Hat, and in 1976 moved to CKGY in Red Deer for a short stint before moving on to CFAC Radio Calgary in 1977. Paul worked there and at CHFM as a DJ and Production Announcer/Producer until the early 1990s. A part-time job presenting the weather on CFAC TV began in 1985 and eventually grew into a full-time position.

Today, Paul is the main weekday weather anchor at 5:00, 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. on Global Calgary. Paul continues to do voice-over work for radio and television spots, documentaries and e-learning as well as providing forecasts for CHQR Radio Calgary.

## **CHUCK ELLIOTT**

News Producer, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: North Bay ON)

Chuck started working full-time in broadcasting at CKBI Radio and TV in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in the summer of 1979. It was the perfect "first" job – he did everything. He read news, weather and sports on

television and radio, hosted public affairs shows, elections and telethons, and reported and edited stories. Next stop for Chuck was at BN/CP Saskatchewan Bureau in Regina and then the CJME AM/Z99 FM newsroom. Dale O'Hara, News Director for AM106/CJAY 92 FM in Calgary heard some of Chuck's newscasts and offered him a job. Dale dangled the prospect of covering the 1988 Winter Olympic Games and Chuck was already planning his move before they hung up.

It's been quite a ride since then, from reporting and reading casts on AM 106 and CJ92 FM, to working a few hours a week at Global Television as Entertainment Reporter, which expanded to a full-time position. From on-air reporting, Chuck moved in to his current job of co-producing a 3.5-hour live morning news show Monday through Friday. What's next? Chuck says, "I've always wanted to work somewhere in Eastern Ontario... a small radio station..."

#### **GORD GILLIES**

6 p.m. News Anchor, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Gord Gillies began his broadcasting career at "Big R" radio in Salmon Arm, BC in 1983. News Director Bob Crouse was a great mentor and motivator -- also, very patient! Radio took Gord to K-97fm in Kamloops, BC for a year in 1984, which led to CJAY 92 in Calgary from 1985-88.

It was in Calgary where Gord got a chance to do weather on the morning show at CFCN television. That led to the opportunity to cover the 1988 Winter Olympics for both radio and television, which remains an absolute career highlight. Gord left Calgary for a weather presenter job at CBC Windsor, ON from 1989-90. That led to a brief stint at CHBC Kelowna, BC in 1991 and a return to Calgary later that year. Gord joined Global 2 & 7 television in Calgary 18 years ago. Since then he has done weather, hosted the morning show, served as the morning anchor, and for the past three years, 6 p.m. news anchor. Over the years, Gord has shared in many wonderful news awards as part of creative broadcast teams across the country. He thanks the many people who have helped shape a very rewarding career. Gord says winning the Media White Hat Award in Calgary in 2001 for his community work was a true honor.

## **DAVID GILMORE**

Radio Sales, ZED 99/CKGY, Red Deer AB (Birthplace: Radville SK)

David's broadcast career started at CFSL Radio in Weyburn, Saskatchewan in January 1981, even before he'd finished WABC broadcast school in Saskatoon. At 21, with three years of radio under his belt, David took his guitar, bought a school bus, and hit every bar in Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba with a rock band. That lasted about eight months, and then it was back to radio in Estevan, Saskatchewan. David's next gig was KX96 in Brandon, Manitoba where he did the afternoon drive and was music director. From Brandon, David moved to LA 107 in Lethbridge, Alberta. From there, it was off to CKGY in Red Deer, Alberta then over to ZED 99. While at the ZED, David was nominated for Music Director of the year award in 1994. The following year he hit a 15-year radio wall, and walked away from the business. David then became certified as a luthier – a stringed instrument builder. He returned to radio a couple years later to CKGY and the ZED in production and sales. In 2005 he accepted the General Manager position for Vista in Castlegar, BC but soon returned to Alberta to be Sales Manager at CAM FM in Camrose. Since November 2008 David has been happily back in Red Deer, in sales at ZED 99/CKGY. He loves life as a full-time radio sales guy and a parttime guitar builder.

## PATRICK HERCHAK

TD/Switcher, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

From 1972-74 Patrick attended the SAIT – TSR Arts Program. On March 25, 1974 Patrick was hired at CFAC-TV Calgary and started as a Floor Director for seven days. From there, he worked in Audio for one-and-a-half years, then worked three years in VTR. Patrick then took on the role of Switcher-Director from 1979 to present. Patrick was Treasurer for NABET Loc88 from 1979-92. As well, he was a member of the Calgary Press Club and Treasurer from 1985-87. Patrick directed studio commercials from 1979-87. He participated in the production of music, cooking, exercise and other programs until about 2000, when News Production took over.

# **ROBIN HILDEBRAND**

Human Resources Manager, Golden West Broadcasting Ltd., Steinbach MB (Birthplace: Altona MB)

Starting in June 1978, Robin's first radio job was part time, after school and on weekends, typing up daily music lists, preparing reel-to-reel programs and writing funeral announcements for CFAM Radio 950 in Altona, Manitoba. In 1981 Robin took the full-time position of Golden West sales assistant/receptionist/copy writer until December 1982, continuing in a similar administrative capacity until April 1989. Then, Robin headed west to work for Radio-Television Representatives (RTvR) in Calgary. RTvR folded in January 1991, providing Robin the opportunity to land at Rogers Radio in Calgary. Remaining there until August 2000, she began as Sales Assistant, before moving into the Executive Assistant/Office Manager role and then finally adding HR Liaison to her functions.

While working at Rogers, Robin attended the University of Calgary at night to acquire her Human Resources Certificate. Robin was also involved with the Calgary Humane Society, serving as Chairperson for its 75th Anniversary. In September 2000 Robin returned to Southern Manitoba and her roots to take on the dual role of Executive Assistant to then EVP/COO Lyndon Friesen and look after HR functions for Golden West Broadcasting Ltd.

Working out of the Steinbach, Manitoba studios, Robin is the Human Resources Manager for Golden West. She also sits on the National Board and Executive Committee of the Canadian Women in Communications. Robin's other pursuits include animal welfare, extensive international travel, cooking and the arts.

## **CONLEY KEHLER**

Information Systems Manager, Golden West Broadcasting Ltd., Altona MB (Birthplace: Altona MB)

Conley started in radio in October 1983 as the computer resource person at Golden West Broadcasting's Altona Centre. He worked on enhancing the traffic/billing software and making changes that increased the efficiency of the station.

Conley also worked in accounting, which, at the time, was the push behind computer technology. Over the years, they developed a number of applications used by the news and on-air departments. In the 1990s, the

traffic/billing software was rewritten to take advantage of emerging Internet options and centralize the billing software, as well as develop a centralized creative department.

In-house software such as STAR (Radio Advertising Traffic System) and CTS (Creative Tracking System) have enabled easy transition during the company's rapid growth.

Conley has also been involved in minor sports for many years. He was a hockey referee for 26 years. He is currently President of Altona Minor Baseball and the Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund. He coaches Bantam AAA, and the MCI High School Baseball Team. In 2008 Conley was named Manitoba Baseball Volunteer of the Year.

## **BRUCE LOW**

Program Co-ordinator, Canwest Global, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Bruce started working in the broadcast industry on March 1, 1981. He has been a VTR Operator, Mobile (Live Production) Operator, On-Air Supervisor, and currently works as a Program Co-ordinator at Canwest Global Calgary.

## **ED LUNDBERG**

GSM, Jim Pattison Broadcast Group LP, Medicine Hat AB (Birthplace: Saskatoon SK)

From 1982-85 Ed worked at CKOM in Saskatoon in sales. For the next four years, he worked at CJWW in Saskatoon in sales. Ed worked as the General Sales Manager (GSM) at CHAB Moose Jaw from 1989-93. He then worked as GSM from 1993-94 at CKPG in Prince George, BC. From January to April 1994, Ed worked at SUN 102 in Saskatoon as the GSM. Since 1994, Ed has worked at CHAT/CFMY/CHAT Television in Medicine Hat, Alberta as GSM.

## H. DAVID MCDONALD

Audio Operator, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Sudbury ON)

David went to Calgary in March 1983 to do a practicum at CFAC Calgary (2 & 7). He was hired as a Floor Director for "Mr. Wizard's World," and was then hired full time at the station. Over the years, David became a studio cameraman, did news photography, and finally ended up in audio, all at the same station. Doing camera work for hockey, football, the Olympics, and other live events are some of David's favorite achievements.

# **BRIAN MERKL**

Senior Audio Operator, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Brian graduated from Mount Royal College in 1978 and got his first job in Red Deer, Alberta at CKRD TV. He worked there for almost two years before landing a job at CFAC TV in Calgary where he is still working, although the station name has since changed to Global TV. Brian has been with Global (and all the other incarnations) for 29 years. He is currently the Senior Audio Operator at Global Television Calgary and has been in audio since 1986.

## MARILYN MILNE

Creative Point Person, CFRY - Golden West Broadcasting Ltd., Portage La Prairie MB (Birthplace: Portage La Prairie MB)

In July 1969 Marilyn started working at CFRY in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba where she learned how to write commercials. In July 1970 Marilyn moved to Winnipeg and her life took another path, until she returned to CFRY in April 1983. She's been there ever since and has had many different responsibilities. As Receptionist & Creative Writer, Marilyn wrote copy, oversaw classified ads, PSAs, lost & found, and loved meeting the public. For a number of years after that, she focused exclusively on creative writing. Voicing commercials was another job Marilyn loved. She also learned how to do production - the old 8-track, reel-toreel way! Currently, Marilyn is the creative point person for CFRY - Golden West Broadcasting Ltd. Looking back, Marilyn would not trade her years in radio for any other job. As she puts it, "radio works!"

## **PERRY NYHUS**

On-Air Personality, CKRM-AM, Regina SK (Birthplace: Stony Plain AB)

Perry's career in radio began at CJSL in Estevan, Saskatchew on January 10, 1983 at age 18. Nine months later, he moved to CJWW in Saskatoon. He began his 25-year career with Harvard Broadcasting in April 1984 at CKRM in Regina. In August 1994 Perry moved to CHMX in Regina, where he was the morning man and helped launch the first country FM station in Saskatchewan. In January 2000 Perry returned to CKRM-AM in Regina, where he remains to this day. Perry also worked as the station voice for Global TV in Regina from 1992 through 1995. He continues to work

with many service clubs and charity organizations. In September 1999 Perry received an honorary Regina Big Brothers Membership for his tireless and unselfish support in their fund raising programs. Perry resides in Regina with his wife Cathy and their three children.

## LEN PERRY

Vice-President and GM, CTV Calgary AB (Birthplace: Vernon BC)

Len began his career while attending the Television, Stage and Radio Arts program at S.A.I.T. in 1979, earning \$50 per game as a runner during Flames hockey broadcasts for the Canadian Sports Network. In 1981 Len graduated from S.A.I.T. and was offered the Sports Director position at CJGL-FM in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. After a few months, Len returned to Calgary to work as a Producer on the midweek TV hockey broadcasts for the Canadian Sports Network. In 1983, Len started at CBC Calgary as a Production Assistant. Over the next nine years, he directed news and current affairs, produced news, and was promoted to the position of Senior Producer.

In 1992, Len accepted the Managing Editor position at Calgary 7 Television. He was promoted to News Director in 1997. In 2000, Len crossed the street to become the Director of News and Public Affairs at CTV Calgary. In 2008 Len was promoted to his current position of Vice-President and General Manager of CTV/Calgary.

Len's volunteer activities are focused on young people and education, serving on several university/college boards and committees. Len was awarded the "Broadcaster of the Year" by the Broadcast Educators Association of Canada (BEAC). Len is married to Lora Saccomani and is the proud father of four beautiful daughters: Angela, Martha, Emma and Katharine.

## MENELIEK RICHARDS

On-Air Operator, Canwest Media, Calgary AB (Birthplace: San Fernando, Trinidad)

From 1973-89 Menelick worked for Selkirk Broadcasting as a Video Tape Operator. From 1989-92 he worked at W.I.C. as a Video Tape Operator. Since 1992, Menelick has been working at Canwest Media (Global Television) as an On-Air Operator.

# LYNDA STEELE

Anchor/Senior Producer, Global Television, Edmonton AB (Birthplace: Edmonton AB)

Lynda began her career as a Reporter/Associate Producer with CKVU Television in Vancouver in the spring of 1983. She was a journalism student at BCIT at the time, but was called in to report so often that News Director Dave Biro signed a co-op agreement with the college guaranteeing Lynda 30 hours a week. From there, she accepted a job as weekend Anchor and Reporter with ITV in Edmonton. After four years she went to CBC as a Reporter/Anchor for five and a half years before returning to ITV in 1995. The company was bought by Global in 2000, and she has been the 6 p.m. Anchor and Senior Producer since 1995. Lynda has been proud to receive awards for reporting from RTNDA and CAB, as well as awards from AMPIA for hosting/anchoring and reporting. In 2007, Lynda was honored to receive the Community Service award from the CAB, and was named Western Broadcaster of the year by the WAB in 2008. She was also a regular lifestyles columnist for the Edmonton Journal for nearly four years, and turned a compilation of her columns into a book called Laptop Diaries, with 100% of the proceeds donated to Edmonton-area women's shelters in 2008. The book and accompanying fundraising initiatives raised over \$90,000 for local shelters.

## **DON STEVENS**

Morning Show Host, Lite 96, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Saskatoon SK)

Don Hamilton's first radio job began on September 10, 1962 at CKSA Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. From there Don worked at CFSL Weyburn, Saskatchewan; Fort St. John, BC; Peace River, Alberta; and CHED Edmonton. Don's next move was to Vancouver in 1970, when he changed his name to Don Stevens. In 1982 he moved to CJAY Calgary to work mornings and be Program Director. In 1983 he also became Program Director of AM 106 (CFCN) and eventually did the morning show as well. In 1988 Don moved to Toronto as Program Director of CKFM for a year before taking the same position at CFTR.

In 1993, Don returned to Calgary and teamed up with Joanne Johnson and Jamie "the Coach" Herbison to form the morning team of Don, Joanne & the Coach on Lite 96. They're still going strong today. Don was named Canadian Radio Air Talent of the year in 1987 and Program Director of the Year in 1986, 1991 and

1992. Don received CAB Gold Ribbon Awards in 1998 and 2004 as a member of Don, Joanne & the Coach. In 2003 he was a "Generosity of Spirit Honouree" and was presented with the Outstanding Philanthropic Group award. Don also serves on the Board of Directors for the Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta.

## **TONY TIGHE**

News Reporter/Anchor, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: St. John's NL)

Tony Tighe is a Consumer Investigator and News Anchor with Global TV in Calgary. He has been in broadcasting for 32 years. Tony attended Loyalist College in Belleville, Ontario from 1976 to 1978. He began his career as a DJ with CKWS in Kingston, Ontario in 1976. He then switched to news, working for CJBQ in Belleville (1978-79), CKEK Cranbrook, BC (1979-83), CKOK Penticton, BC (1983-85) and CJAY92-FM Calgary (1985-89). In 1989 Tony moved into TV News, first with CFCN/CTV Calgary and Global TV Calgary in 1999. In 1992 Tony pioneered Consumer Advocacy and Investigative Reporting in Calgary and later added news anchoring duties. He has received the National RTNDA, CAB and National Radio Awards for Investigative and Feature Reporting. He has also been recognized by several provincial organizations and in 2001, received the Better Business Bureau Ethics Award. Tony has been a volunteer with Literacy Alberta, the Calgary Library and VoicePrint Canada. He has been married to Anita for 24 years and has two children, Mike and Breanne.

## **KEN TRUHN**

President/GM, Bear Creek Broadcasting Ltd. Q99, Grande Prairie AB (Birthplace: Beausejour MB)

Ken started his career in broadcasting in June 1977 at CKNL radio in Fort St. John, Alberta where he was hired as the Sports Director. He moved back to his hometown of Grande Prairie, Alberta in August of 1977 to assume a news position for CFGP Radio, which was owned by Selkirk Communications. After a year in the news department, Ken was promoted to Sports Director, a job he held for a year before moving into the Sales Department at the age of 20. In 1992, with 12 years of sales experience, Ken was hired as the General Sales Manager for Red Deer's Radio 7, owned by Monarch Communications. Ken spent three years there before he was transferred back to Grande Prairie as the

General Manager of CJXX. While at CJXX, the station was converted to FM and was sold to the Jim Pattison Broadcast Group. Ken resigned from CJXX on May 31, 2005 to pursue his dream of starting up his own radio station. In November 2006 the CRTC awarded a licence to Ken's new station, Bear Creek Broadcasting Ltd. On April 9, 2007 Q99 took to the airwaves in Grande Prairie. In its first year of operation, Bear Creek Broadcasting Ltd. received the Best New Business of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

## **BRUCE WARDILL**

Producer/Director, Global Television, Calgary AB (Birthplace: Calgary AB)

Bruce worked for CKCK Regina from 1972-74 as a Commercial Producer. From 1974-75 Bruce was at CHEK Victoria and worked in Audio, Master Control. Bruce then worked for CFAC Calgary from 1975-77 as a Commercial Producer. From 1977-78 he took on the same role for ITV Edmonton. Next, from 1978-80, Bruce worked for CFAC Calgary as a Producer/Director for "Yaw Can, It Figures" and other shows. For the next two years, he continued to work at CFAC Calgary as Promotion Director. From 1982-86 his position changed to Commercial Director/Switcher. From 1986-97, Bruce worked for 2 & 7 Calgary in Graphics In House & Mobiles, covering NHL, CFL, two Grey Cups and the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Since 1997 Bruce has worked for Global Calgary as Producer/Director. He works on the morning news and has also produced and directed several elections, three Miracle Network Telethons and many Calgary Stampede shows.

## **DANNY WHITE**

Station/Sales Manager, 1310 CHLW, St. Paul AB (Birthplace: Winnipeg MB)

After high school, Danny was working as a security guard when a friend suggested he consider radio. He graduated from college and in 1983 was hired as a junior swing announcer by CJVR in Melfort, Saskatchewan. CHAT Medicine Hat, Alberta hired him away to do senior swing in 1985. Danny also had his own music video program on the local cable TV community channel. In 1986, Danny started a midday shift at AM Stereo 1090 CHEC in Lethbridge, Alberta. Two years later, he moved to Winnipeg's CKRC/103.1 FM to work on both stations as a swing announcer. He also hosted a three-hour HOT AC Christian music program

Sunday mornings and filled in for the midday shift. After six months in Winnipeg, Danny returned to CHAT in Medicine Hat for a combined afternoon drive/Music Director role. Danny received the Music Director of the Year nomination at the CCMAs in a secondary market in 1991. In 1992 Danny became the midday host on the Alberta Radio Network based out of CFOK in Westlock, which then moved to CKJR Wetaskiwin in 1993. In late 1994 he moved to do the morning show at CKJR. In May 1995 Danny started at 1310 CHLW St. Paul, Alberta, announcing the morning show. In 2000 Danny took on some sales work, and in September 2005 was promoted to Station/Sales Manager.