



**Let's join and work together**

**CHAS Mission Statement:**

**As one voice we will have a strong positive  
influence while working on collective  
interests that strengthen all  
Saskatchewan Co-operatives**

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You may recall that in our last News letter we were looking ahead to celebrating Co-op week and that I had asked if your co-op housing was planning a special event to mark that week, and to please send a short article to be included in this News Letter. Thank you to those who have shared the following.

**From-James Gilliard - Regional Director  
CHF Canada Board of Directors  
Co-op Merit awards  
October 18, 2010**

On behalf of CHF Canada, I attended the Co-op Merit awards in Regina on October 18, 2010. Here is a list of the people who were honoured at the event:

“Neale Morton of Melfort, Grant Alvin Tyson of Harris, Myrna Bentley of Saskatoon, Warren Crossman of Yorkton, Consumer’s Co-operative Refinery Limited of Regina, and Ben Chung of Regina”.

The person I knew the best out of all these people is Warren Crossman, he and I had a little chat as to how CHAS is doing to date, he was quite impressed on our progress to date, and wish us the best in the future. Although Warren no longer works for the SCA, he is still quite active in the sector. His passion now is organic foods which he and his wife proudly grow on the family farm by Yorkton.

It was worth the drive to attend this event; I would attend this event again without hesitation. This is another way how CHAS can become more visible in the public eye. --- James

***The Co-operative Housing Association of  
Saskatchewan***

# *News Letter*

*December, 2010*

## **CHAS Vision Statement**

**To have equal representation from all  
Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives  
To provide education to all  
Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives**

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## **Co-op Week at Esquire**

Esquire Co-op celebrated Co-op Week on October 18. Information from CHF regarding the theme "Experience the Co-operative Difference" as to the values, principles and practices that make co-ops different from other types of businesses was set out as well as information about co-ops from that day's Leader Post. Many came out in the afternoon to have some coffee and cookies and also look through the photo albums which have been kept up to date from the time the Esquire became a Co-op in 1981.. We had a good time of visiting and sharing stories and we were very happy for the response and interest shown.

## **Lakewood Manor**

These are the three items we did during Co-op Week.

1. We kick started it with the CHAS slide presentation followed by enjoying cake and coffee
2. Our President Henry Schellenberg attended the Co-op Week Flag raising ceremony at the Legislature.
3. We ended the week with our birthday supper and a raffle.

## **Crestview Manor**

On Monday evening of Co-op week we planned a special event for our members, dedicating it to "knowing what co-op housing is". We showed the DVD presentation from CHAS, which created discussion. Then everyone participated in a Co-op Fun Fact Quiz, which was enjoyable. We ended our evening by showing another DVD on Crestview, followed by refreshments.

## **Our Sympathy:**

On behalf of all the housing co-ops in Saskatchewan, and the CHAS Board of directors, we want to extend our sympathy to Myrna Mikkonen on the loss of her husband. Ken passed away on October 2, 2010 after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

## **From the President Of CHAS**

Hi to all, for those who don't know me my name is James Gilliard, from Rainbow Housing Co-operative in Saskatoon. This is my second term as President of CHAS, and I find it very rewarding to be a spokesperson for this organization. CHF Canada is happy to see the progress

we have made over the past few years, and wishes us success with our organization.

At this time I would also like thank those housing co-ops that have become members of CHAS, we as a board will be listening to what you have to say and we will endeavour to be the organization that is there when you need help. With your support, working together I know we will succeed in whatever we put our minds to.

In closing I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and all the best in 2011.

Co-operatively Yours:

James Gilliard

President

Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan

### **Board of Directors Meeting:**

The Board of Directors of CHAS held its quarterly meeting on November 13, 2010 at Lakewood Manor Housing Co-op in Regina, with good representation of board members, 2 staff from SHC, and guests from Lakewood attending.

Our thanks to Lakewood for hosting the meeting and to the Recreation Committee for the delicious lunch, and coffee break treats.

It was also encouraging to see many of the housing co-ops in Saskatchewan willing to renew their membership in CHAS. Hopefully, as James has already mentioned that we can be an organization to help the 17 housing co-ops when needed.

This was our last board meeting of 2010, and although at times the progress of CHAS seems slow it was encouraging to realize how far we have come, and are now looking ahead to 2011 with new challenges and opportunities.

One of those challenges to focus on is ways of promoting quality, affordable co-op housing to the larger community.

There are several ways in which this could be done, and the CHAS Board has chosen to focus on a one day event this coming summer to bring this awareness to the community. This is only in the planning stage, but the following is some ideas of what the day may consist of-

- \*Having a large tent to provide shelter if needed.
- \*Activities for children
- \*Invite all Sask. Co-ops to have a display table
- \*Invite government officials (federal, provincial, municipal, mayor, and councilors)
- \*Invite the community at large
- \*BBQ (which would be charged for)
- \*etc

More information will come to you as details are worked out, advising date, time, and location.

If your co-op has any suggestions for this event please send an e-mail them to

[chas1985@accesscomm.ca](mailto:chas1985@accesscomm.ca)

**Have you checked out our web-site? <http://www.coophousingsk.ca>**

There is a lot of missing information on various housing co-ops, so it would be appreciated if you would submit information and a picture of your co-op by e-mail, to be included on the web-site.

*As we send our last News letter for 2010  
To All Housing Co-op Members, our  
Sask. Housing Representatives,  
CHF Canada representatives and  
Co-operative affiliates.*

*From The Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan*