

# Naming Committee

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### Susan "Sue" May Trigg

(1956)

Susan May Holmberg was born to Dave and Dora Holmberg in Edmonton on May 28th, 1956, followed by her brother Robert James Holmberg in 1959. The Holmberg family lived in the Holyrood neighborhood, and Sue attended Holyrood Elementary, Strathearn Junior High, and Bonnie Doon High School. Sue then attended NAIT and graduated from Dental Assisting.

Sue grew up in a home of volunteering – her dad was a land surveyor and held many positions including president of the organization, coached hockey and ball, and spent many weekends on the ski hill while Sue's brother ski raced. Sue's dad also held many positions in the ski world and worked as chief of timing and chief of race many times. Sue's mother was a homemaker, but got involved with the seniors in the area and was always making buns, tarts, and other goods for all of the neighbors. She also spent her weekends in the arena supervising and playing music for Sue's figure skating lessons, and she later volunteered at the Southwest Edmonton Seniors Association. Sue's parents and their friends organized and ran social events for Holyrood Community League, and Sue first started her volunteering career helping them with these activities. Sue then started choreographing ice show numbers as a volunteer coach for the Federation of Community Leagues annual Ice Show, coached ball, and canvassed for many fund raising organizations such as Heart and Stroke, Canadian Cancer Society, and the Lung Association.

Sue met Gary Trigg in 1977 and they were married on October 4, 1980. Sue worked in the dental field until her first son, Blair Douglas, was born on October 10, 1984 with a cleft lip and palate. Sue then began helping out at the Cleft Lip and Palate Association and did some counseling with families who had just given birth to a child with a cleft lip and or palate. Sue and Gary's next son Patrick Dale was born on April 4, 1987 and Christine Robyn was born on March 13, 1990. After Christine was born, Sue retired from her dental career. During Sue's time in the dentistry field, she was involved with the Edmonton and Alberta Dental Assistants Associations and held the position as Edmonton's representative to the Alberta Board for a few years.

The Triggs built their house in Riverbend and moved in during 1985. Sue organized a Christmas Block Party at their house when the kids were little, and organized a babysitting co-op. The kids attended the Riverbend Cooperative play school and then Brander Gardens Elementary, Riverbend Junior High and Strathcona High Schools. She was always involved as the room representative for all of her kids throughout elementary school and she also volunteered in the Paired Reading Program.

Sue began her involvement with Riverbend Community League in 1985, and has held virtually every position in the League during her continuous involvement up to the present day. Sue also worked and campaigned tirelessly for Ramsay Park improvements, the new Fire Hall and the new Library in Riverbend. She is best known in the greater community for the events she founded and built – the Riverbend Plant Sale, the Taste of Riverbend, Art in Our Park, and the Riverbend Winter Festival. Sue was a founding member of the Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council (TRAC), sat on several TRAC committees and lobbied for the Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre (TCRC). In addition to the above community building roles, Sue has had Board roles with the Alberta Recreational Skating Association, the Edmonton Arena User's Committee, and the Edmonton Sports Council.

For about 20 years when Sue owned Subar Power Skating, she would talk to the Principals of the schools where kids were receiving power skating lessons and she asked them to pick out families that needed help at Christmas. Sue and her staff would create food hampers and gather Christmas trees with



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decorations and gifts for the families. She did the same thing for many families in the Brander Gardens Housing Complex with the help of her children and friends in the neighbourhood. Her comment was, 'I always thought it was good for them to give back'. Since selling her business and retiring Sue and her family continue to do this for families at Spruce Avenue School.

Sue Trigg has been involved with many organizations and the recognition she has received is commendable. Some recent achievements include recognition by the Province of Alberta in 2005 with a Provincial Centennial Medal. In 2007, Sue received the President's Award from the Riverbend Community League, and in 2008, she was recognized with a Long Service Award by the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. The Terwillegar-Riverbend Advisory Council awarded her with a Community Spirit award in 2011.

Sue continues to volunteer. She has made significant contributions to the Riverbend community, as well as surrounding communities and organizations.

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