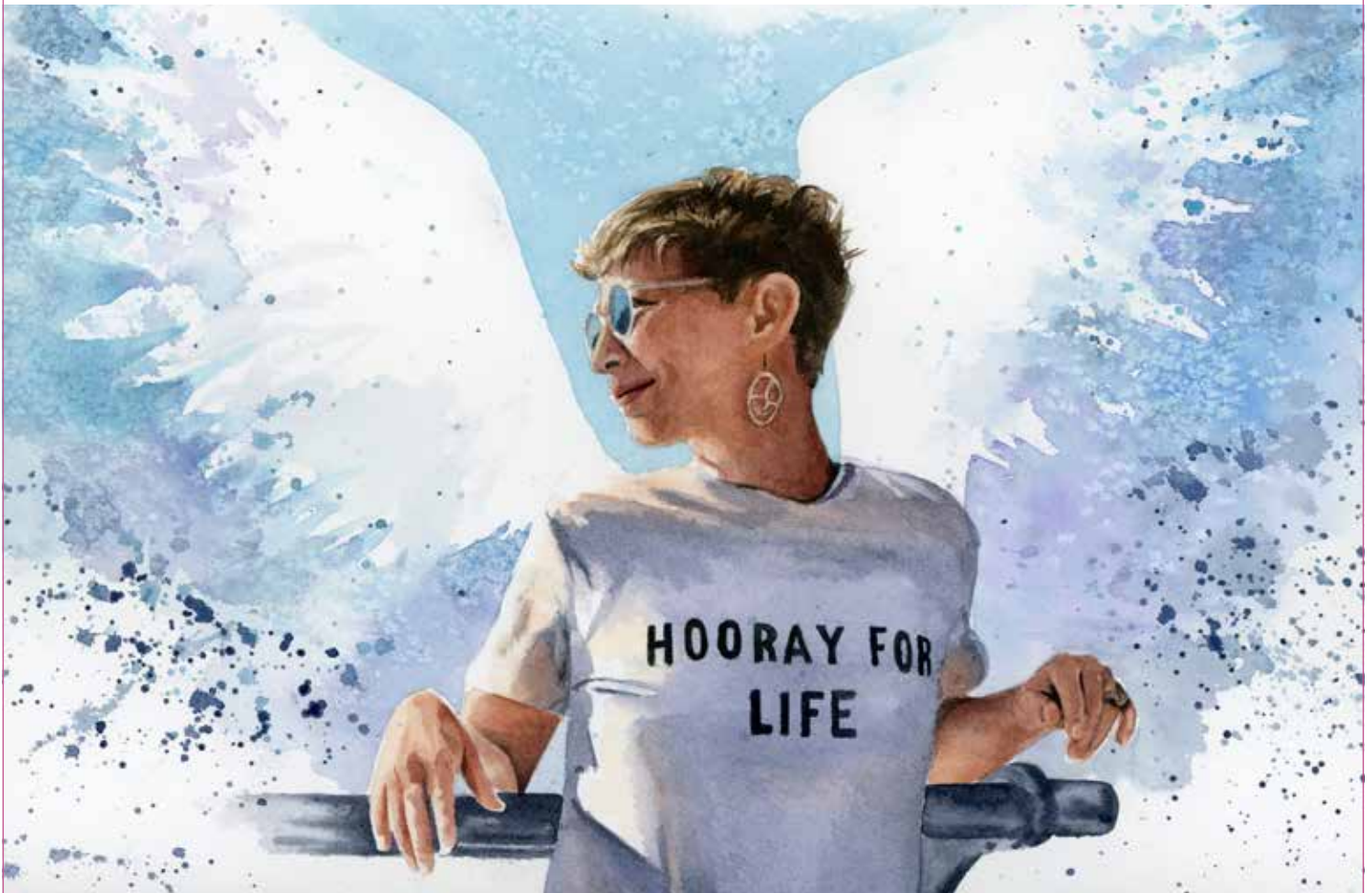




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Julie Anne Rohr
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EDITOR'S LETTER



THIS MAY PROVE TO BE THE MOST DIFFICULT NEWSLETTER WE HAVE PRODUCED FOR OUR COMMUNITY...

As you'll see from the cover as well as the pages that follow, this issue has become a love letter to Julie Rohr. Whether or not you were fortunate enough to have ever met Julie, if you lived in Laurier, her unwavering dedication to building community would likely have touched you in some way, even if you didn't know it. From planning events to leading community gatherings to writing so many articles for previous versions of this newsletter, Julie always made time for the things that were most important to her. Connecting with her community was one of her favourite things, and her loss is one that will be felt deeply by all those who knew and loved her for some time to come.

The women in the photo on this page are just some of those who were honoured to call Julie a friend. Whether gathering through book club meetings or Laurier Ladies get-togethers (or in coordinating a Flash Mob in the deep cold of last winter), Julie was often at the heart of everything, joyfully bringing everyone together. When Edmonton sculptor (and friend to Julie) Slavo Cech announced his Beautiful Chaos series of jewelry dedicated to Julie, Suzanne Davis coordinated an effort to ensure that the first series of these necklaces were for this group of women. Donning them all for the first time at the community gathering only days after Julie passed away, there is a sense of comfort and connection we all feel when we put it on — a small reminder that Julie lives on in our hearts today and always.

Julie is not the only person our community has lost recently, and the holidays always make us feel these absences more acutely. Whether you've lost a loved one recently or whether many years have passed, grief is a strange and unrelenting foe that can rear up sometimes when we least expect it. Wherever you are on your healing and grieving journey, I wish you all great peace and comfort through the coming holiday season and beyond.

One of the greatest gifts that we can learn from loss is to move forward with grace and kindness — for both ourselves and others. Because in the end, it's love that matters most. In loving memory of all those who have gone too soon.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS FROM KAREN WILK, LHCL PRESIDENT

This year the holiday season has a different feel for me, perhaps it does for you as well. Fears of another 'covid Christmas', the ongoing pain and grief of loss, the weight of so many things wrong in the world—climate change, racism, gender violence, military coups, to name a few. As we begin to think about and prepare for this special time of year, one can't help but wonder where this is all going. Thus, the need to remember, celebrate, seek out, pay attention to and actively engage the themes of the season together—seems especially significant.

Faith celebrations and other traditions of the season invite us to look back and dream forward. What can we, and do we need to, learn from the past? What is being revealed as we continue to navigate a global pandemic such that we move forward in positive and life-giving ways? How might we shape a better future for all? One way, at least in Laurier, is to continue to learn and live into the call to be compassionate, creative, resilient, and perhaps most importantly, connected as a community. As we look back over our covid year, it's incredible what we accomplished despite the challenges; to mention just a few:

- Food Forest development and events: homes for buzzing bees and fluttering butterflies; permaculture and many fruit bearing plants, a pop-up garden for vegetables, a walkway and sitting area all installed and maintained; facilitating community participation and mutual learning... way to go, Food Forest Steering Committee!
- Block Concerts and outdoor socials—including mini golf 'tournaments', pie parties and hot dog roasts
- Food Truck 'dinner in the park' gathering
- Big Bin Event- and Buy Nothing giveaway



- Freewill Shakespeare in the Park: Much Ado About Nothing
- Numerous neighbours regularly playing tennis and pickleball and the start of a new drop-in activity, ball hockey on the big rink
- So many neighbours out 'front' connecting with, sharing and caring for one another.

It fills me with gratitude to be part of such a dynamic and vibrant community. Perhaps that also is a key component of this season, gratitude. It's an invitation (and a reminder) to pause and appreciate all that we have; to acknowledge how much we value one another perhaps with warm greetings, cards or little gifts; and to take time to be together (while observing pandemic restrictions, of course). In so doing, we recognize that though our backgrounds, cultures and experiences are different, we all long for the same things: peace in a broken world, hope in a desperate world, joy and belonging overcoming fear and, love that embraces us all, for love is above all, in and for all.

This season, may we continue to, not only long for these 'greater things' but to express and participate in making our neighbourhood an inclusive community of Shalom, hospitality, delight, beauty, grace and goodness.

Thanks for being good neighbours, humbly, simply, ordinarily yet extraordinarily embodying the gifts of the season, hope, peace, joy and love for all!

May they be yours, and all of ours, in abundance-- after all, we are an Abundant Community!

I look forward to seeing you around the neighbourhood over the holidays!

– Karen

MATTHAN QUINCE MEMORIAL

20 Year Anniversary Gift

Twenty years ago this November (2001), a young neighbourhood hockey player died as a result of a car accident. In memory of Matthan on this significant anniversary of his tragic death, LHCL has received a generous donation towards brighter and more energy efficient LED rink lighting.

His parents, Allyson and John Quince, who now live in Nelson BC, are excited to be able to contribute to this project as they think "Matthan would be really happy if the money could go to the lights on the big rink." One of Matthan's close neighbourhood friends, Jamie "has wonderful memories of skating up there night after night with Matthan." Jamie's mother, Laurie McInnes recalls, "one night the lights were out and there was only the one city light shining – and those boys still played for hours, back in the days of Neil the rink guy and the big rink to the west of the old hall. Best community league rink ever!"

We are very grateful for this gift and that we can remember and honour Matthan in this way.

LAURIER SOCCER

Laurier soccer is excited to be hosting 2 teams for this indoor season: U7 Mixed and U15 Boys. In total, we have 32 Laurier children playing soccer in the indoor program for these teams and throughout the west end.

The season is now well underway and scheduled to run until early February. The children and coaches are looking forward to regular game play and are hopeful to play a full season this year. With new AHS guidelines in place for the soccer centres, the bleachers look a little different but the players are still playing with heart. Go Laurier, go!

Outdoor Soccer registration is February 1st – 28th, 2022

FACILITIES UPDATE

You may have noticed contractors coming and going at the hall recently. We are happy to report that the rink building renovation is coming along nicely. We are in the process of installing new, more efficient bathroom fixtures, new energy efficient (and much brighter!) LED lighting, and freshening up the changing rooms with new paint. The rink employees will have a more efficient and professional office thanks to new cabinets, plumbing, LED lighting and more fresh paint.

Coming soon, in time for skating season, we will be replacing the old, electricity hogging halide lighting around the two rinks with more efficient and brighter LED fixtures.

We can't wait to welcome you onto the ice for winter activities (subject to provincial and city guidelines...stay tuned to our website and social media for the latest details). Please remember that use of the rinks require a current Laurier Heights Community League membership. An application form is included in this newsletter and funds from your membership support your rink and many other worthy programs, activities and infrastructure.

Please give our contractors plenty of room to work safely over the next few weeks until all of the upgrades are complete.



BUY NOTHING GET EVERYTHING

Building Neighbourhood Connections
Since July 2018

WHAT IS IT? A worldwide gift economy movement that includes thousands of local gifting groups.

WHO CAN JOIN? Anyone 18 or older who lives within the group's boundaries (Laurier Heights, Parkview and Crestwood). There are 750 people in our group, with new neighbours joining every week.

WHAT CAN I GIVE? Anything that's legal (and within Facebook's community guidelines) can be given away. Find a new home for all the clothes and toys your children have outgrown. Find someone else to love that chair that doesn't work for your space anymore. Have some food that nobody in the house likes? Chances are, someone in the group will happily use it up!

CAN I REQUEST THINGS? Yes! You can ask for help with your sewing project. You can borrow that tool you only need once and meet a nearby neighbour in the process. Need boxes for a move? Ask the group.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE GROUP? On Facebook: Buy Nothing Laurier Heights/Parkview/Crestwood, Edmonton, AB
www.facebook.com/groups/443632516874853

MIKE KINASH

OUTSTANDING LONGTIME RESIDENT



We are a community that is fortunate to still have some of the original homeowners as residents. On October 10th of this year, sadly, we lost one of these remarkable individuals. Mike Kinash passed away peacefully at the age of 93 in the Laurier home he designed and built.

Mike and his wife of 68 years, Mary, moved into Laurier Heights in 1958, when our community was considered to be “out in the boonies.” They raised three children here and, through the years, were blessed with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mike was originally from Fenwood, Saskatchewan, but spent his boyhood years in the small mining town of Luscar, Alberta where he discovered his love for the outdoors, spending his time trekking through the mountains where he could fish, hunt and explore nature.

He attended Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton and received the Teglal Scholarship, a prestigious award that supported his university education in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta, graduating with a

Gold Medal in Engineering. Shortly after graduating from university, he married his lifetime sweetheart Mary Fedynak and, a few years later, started their family.

His early career was in the field of structural and architectural design. Much of his work became landmarks around the city, such as the Edmonton City Hall and Edmonton Post Office. He spent the latter part of his career applying his engineering and problem solving talents in the mining and oil industry. He became the resident expert for Fording Coal and Syncrude, which earned him the esteemed McParland Memorial Award for outstanding performance in civil engineering design in the mining industry.

Mike’s family says he taught all who knew him that with hard work, anything is possible, and we are all stewards of an extraordinary and perfectly balanced planet. He was a visionary and will be missed by all.

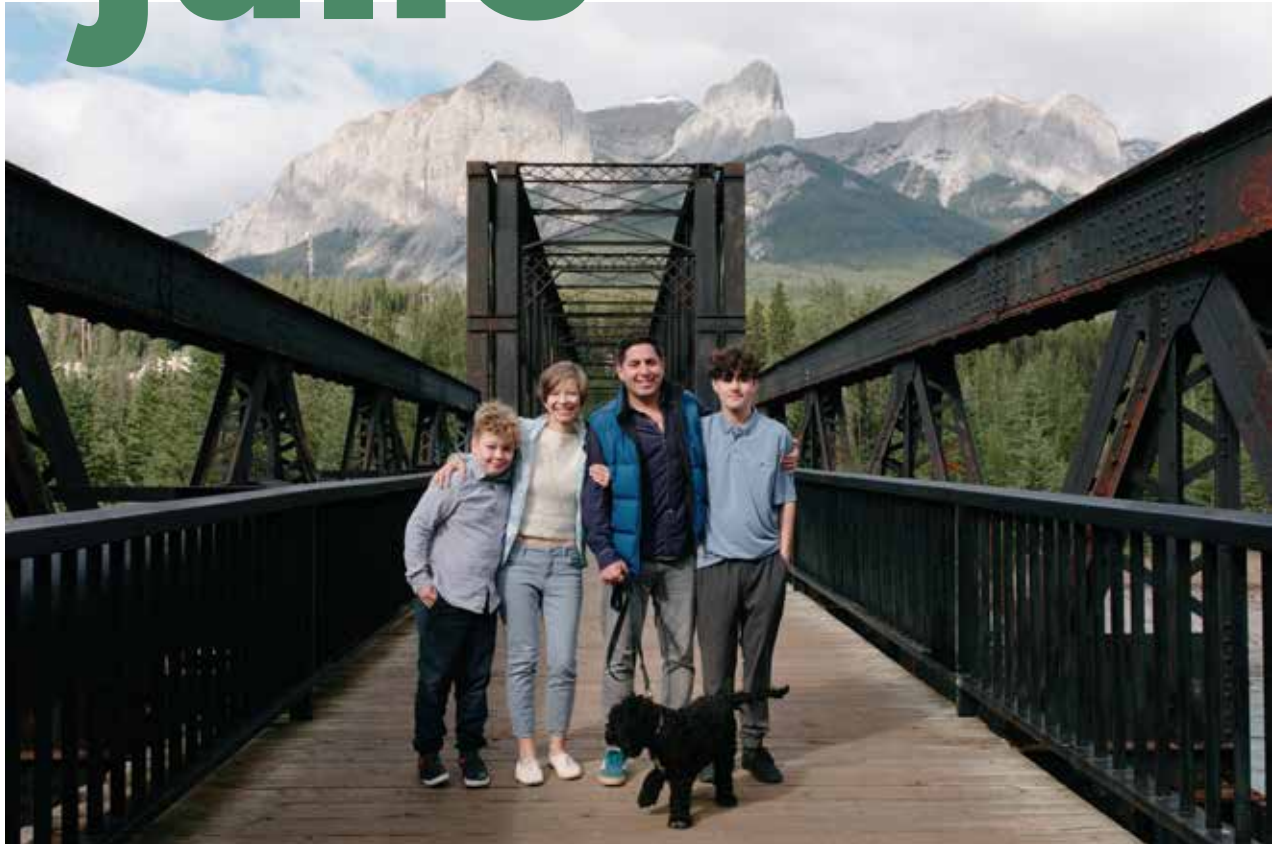
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SUBMITTED BY: SHEILA BUTT

IN MEMORIAM

WRITTEN WITH LOVE AND AN UNENDING GRATITUDE FOR HER FRIENDSHIP BY
ANDREA TRENDEL & NATASHA CHIAM

remembering julie



Julie Rohr and David Schoor moved into their Laurier Heights home shortly after being married, in the winter of 2015. David was especially excited to be in a neighbourhood they had heard so much about and also parking his car in their attached garage, a feature his previous home did not have. Julie, however, rarely if ever, parked her car inside the garage. This meant many cold frosty Edmonton mornings brushing off her windshield and warming up the car before taking her son Max to school. When David finally asked her why she never parked in the garage, she replied that she wanted her neighbours to see her car and know that she was home and available in case she was ever needed.

Service. This was the root of everything that Julie did and was a lesson she learned early in life from her parents Gary and Marlene. Julie's

values were shaped by her faith, growing up the daughter of a church pastor and her close-knit family's desire to be of service to others. That sense of service for Julie was exemplified in her love and involvement in our Laurier community.

We are sitting down with David Schoor in the library of his and Julie's home. Surrounded by walls of colour-coded books, large windows facing out onto the street, and so many items, small and large, that hold a story about Julie, David, their boys and her life. The focus of the room is an upright piano that Julie found on Facebook and moved into their home with the help of six friends and a rented U-Haul. When one looks around the room, one can't help but notice: The 4-inch heeled silver booties she wore on their wedding day sparkle from

a top shelf. Max's framed and famous Monster artwork. The small statue of the Venus de Milo from a family trip to Italy. The gold unicorn she took, with questionable permission, from a friend's birthday party.

Every piece in the room is a smile, a mischievous glance, a pat on the arm, a pensive thought from Julie. This room provides a glimpse into her story, her and David's life together, and the home and community they created here in Laurier Heights. Which, as David tells us, was the whole point of their home, and this room in particular...

Julie and David focused their house hunt on three older leafy communities in Edmonton. They were engaged and looking for a home for their soon-to-be blended family with Julie's son, Max, and David's son, Jacob. After narrowing the search down from fifty listings to two showings, one in Riverbend and the other in Laurier, Julie walked into their current home and gasped when she saw the high ceilings and wooden beams. When she opened the back door and saw the apple tree in the backyard, she exclaimed "I will make pies!". This was the home where they could make their mark as a family and Julie proclaimed it as her forever home.

From the beginning of their relationship, David tells us they shared a desire to be intentional with their lives, and particularly their home. For Julie, this meant making their house the centre of community. David remembers finding her writing a stack of cards shortly after they moved in. She explained, "These are hello cards. I want to introduce ourselves to our neighbours and let them know we moved in." And then, according to David, she baked cookies and the couple went around and delivered the cards and cookies. "It felt very strange to

be that forward about our arrival, but very good," he laughs.

Julie had a strong vision for their home, with the library being the heart and soul of this vision. The items in the room, including the hacked Ikea bookcases, the crown moldings and the rustic light fixtures commissioned from a local woodworker were all sourced by Julie. David tells us the color-coded arrangement of the books emerged spontaneously on their wedding day. "There were books all over the floor and our photographer came in and said, 'Let's do something in this room'". The house was full of their wedding party, friends and family. One of Julie's friends quietly started putting the books on the shelves, organizing them by colour, starting with the far corner first, where the new couple took many of their wedding day photos.



Since its beginning, Julie and David's library has been a gathering place for

many community building events. Tea Parties, Pi/Pie Day, Book Club, and the rotating community church meetings. Julie especially liked to host the church group because she loved to play the piano and sing. Julie grew up in a home with family singing and rejoicing around a piano, and she wanted to recreate this joyful practice in her own forever home. David tells us how much he misses her singing and his admission is followed by a moment of silence.

He goes on pointing out more special objects in the room. The painting of the mountains above the fireplace was Julie's gift to him for their 5th wedding anniversary. David's late father's collection of sculptures are placed throughout the shelves. And the birds. Julie loved birds. They are peeking out from all corners of the room and in between the books.

Julie's ashes will be placed on the mantel in this room, held by a bird urn David picked out for her.

There is a sacred feeling inside the library that makes you feel as if you've been invited into someone's very heart. David says it best:

"There was space for everybody in this room. That is Max and Jacob's corner, but as the boys got older, their books became more about her nieces and nephews. During pandemic times, she would pick out 4-5 books and read to them over zoom calls. She made space for the boys there, she made space for me in the music corner and for the larger community as well. This room is very important to the house and to the neighbourhood in that way."

If the library is the heart of Julie and David's home, from there, Julie's energy and life force flowed out to the community.

Julie was passionately involved in the Laurier Heights community. She volunteered on the Community League board, writing articles for the community newsletter, serving as manager for Max's soccer team, being a block connector, planning neighbourhood events like the most recent Shakespeare in the Park, which she was so disappointed to miss. She organized block parties, puzzle swaps, actively supported the local gift economy via the "Buy Nothing group", and co-founded and facilitated a book club that has been meeting in person and online for a number of years. Julie was an enthusiastic participant at the neighbourhood clothing swaps and hosted many tea parties in her library and backyard to introduce neighbours and friends to each other.

In March 2018, Julie's friends and family organized a "Fight a Monster" fundraiser at the community hall. This was a key event bringing together people closest to Julie while introducing her and her battle to the broader community who would be there to support her throughout her journey. So many from our community joined in this fight with her, dropping off meals, picking apples, weeding her beloved garden, carpooling the boys to games and practices, and doing everything and anything to help her fend off this monster. Even in her darkest hours, Julie would still shine the brightest and be creating community.

David smiles when he tells us, "In every single thing she did, she had a cheery, joyful, excited, light-bright attitude about it. She got her energy from meeting and talking and being around people. She loved it. And the fact that it was part of this neighbourhood that she loved so much, made everything always a special time." Julie's gift was her presence. She had a way of making people feel like they were the most important person in her life, and the truth is, in that moment with her, they were. That was the power of Julie's love. It was limitless like the sky,

and yet, intimate and deeply personal.

Julie lived an intentional, full life, spread joy to those around her, and loved her family deeply. She lived with gratitude, vulnerability, and a love for cultivating relationships. She lived out loud and embraced everything life had to offer, particularly her family and friends, the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, the Bountiful Farmer's Market, and many local artists, musicians, entrepreneurs, and restaurants. She loved a good political, theological, or philosophical debate, be it online or in real life, and she'd be the first person to plan a party and often the last to leave.

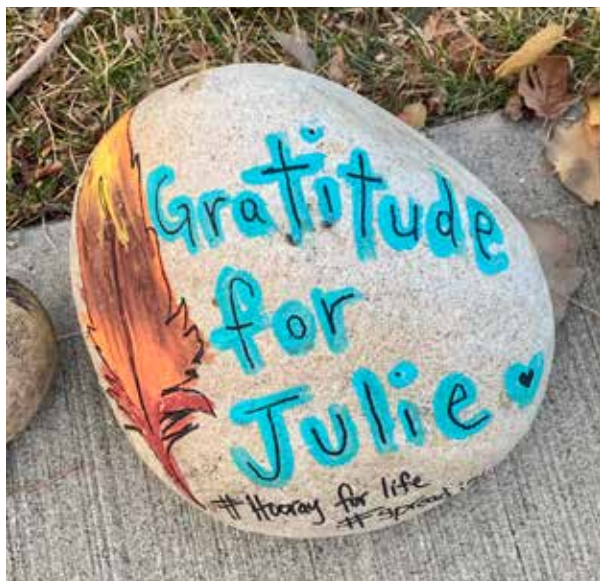
We ask David if he has a favourite memory of Julie in the community or an event in particular and this is what he tells us, "I have this composite image of her getting her little red wagon together, with the cooler full of food, plates and cutlery for a picnic, a chair and a couple of blankets and her dragging that wagon, her party on wheels, wherever we were going... whether it was the Symphony in the Park, or neighbourhood street concerts, or a block party, she was always there with her wagon."



Julie's approach to life has inspired thousands. Her contributions were also small, but always rooted in others. Waving at people walking past their home and running outside to introduce herself. Making seed pods from her poppy flowers and offering them up to anyone who wanted some — as David describes it, making something from nothing just to make people feel good. Julie elevated ordinary acts of kindness, generosity, creativity, and love into a fine art.

Honouring Julie's life and legacy does not mean duplicating her efforts, but being inspired by the essence of them. Julie always said "Choose Love Over Fear." David tells us she even wrote it on a mirror in their house as a reminder to herself. She also liked and lived by this quote from Joan Baez, "Action is the antidote to despair." It can be as simple as a smile and wave at someone walking by your home, making a new neighbour feel welcome, reaching out to someone who thinks differently than you with the intent to understand and not overpower, or helping a neighbour weed their garden or pick apples for pies. If the act is done with grace and care and authenticity, it is a celebration in honour of Julie and her life's intention.

The truth is, Julie Rohr, Community Member At Large, succeeded in her intent more than she or David even realize. All those pieces of Julie and her life and adventures are not just peeking out from the shelves of the Library in her and David's home. Her love and her intention has flowed from the centre of community they created and are evident all over Laurier Heights, in our own hearts, and beyond.



JULIE ROHR PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 AFTER CONTENDING WITH LEIOMYOSARCOMA CANCER FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. JULIE LEAVES BEHIND TO MOURN HER LOSS HER BELOVED HUSBAND DAVID, HER SON MAXWELL, HER STEPSON JACOB, ALONG WITH NUMEROUS EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. A MEMORIAL EVENT IS TENTATIVELY BEING PLANNED FOR JUNE 2022. FOR MORE INFO: WWW.JULIEROHR.ORG



IN MEMORY AND HONOUR OF JULIE

LADYBIRD PARK GATHERING AND MARTIN KERR CONCERT

ON A BEAUTIFUL BLUE SKY AFTERNOON IN MID-SEPTEMBER, THE COMMUNITY GATHERED TO MOURN AND CELEBRATE THE LOSS OF A BELOVED NEIGHBOUR AND FRIEND, JULIE ROHR. NEARLY 200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED TO LIFT EACH OTHER UP IN LOVE. MANY THANKS TO THE GROUP OF LAURIER LADIES WHO QUICKLY MOBILIZED TO MAKE THIS AFTERNOON A REALITY, GIVING NEIGHBOURS A CHANCE TO CONNECT AND GRIEVE TOGETHER.

THE COMMENTARY ON THESE TWO PAGES ARE THE REMARKS THAT LHCL PRESIDENT KAREN WILK SHARED AT THE EVENT.

I first met Julie at what was then Wild Earth Café (now Sweet Pea). A friend of mine who happened to be the pastor of the little church David and Julie had been a part of, told me a wonderful young couple had just moved into Laurier and they were eager to get involved in the community. He said, “Julie and I had a lot in common,” and that he was “sure we’d hit it off” — he was right!

And there is history — Julie became a keen and eager block connector teaming up with Ally hosting big block parties, connecting with and caring for their blocks and getting involved in the neighbourhood in so many ways including more recently serving on the Board. This past summer for example, she organized “Shakespeare in the Park” for us and our Big Bin Event (on one of the

hottest days of the year) participated in all our Food Forest activities and hosted a Pie Social for her block!

Since Julie had so many great block connecting stories, I asked if she’d be part of the video the City was making to encourage other neighbourhoods to be part of the Abundant Community initiative. You can still see her beautiful smiling face and watch the video story that was filmed at Ladybird Park with the boys playing soccer, and Malcom and Avau at their front door on the city



website: Abundant Community Edmonton | City of Edmonton

Julie was always full of enthusiasm and great ideas at our block connector meetings as well. At one such meeting many of us realized we all liked Brené Brown and the bi-weekly Laurier (initially Brené Brown) Book Club began almost instantly with about 20 people signing up within 24 hours! We've been meeting for several years now every other Wednesday evening, and Julie took on the role of facilitator and leader. Our most recent book was Braiding Sweetgrass, which she really loved.

Julie contributed so much to the neighbourhood — there are so many stories and reasons for gratitude — she was also an awesome soccer team manager! She made us laugh, she made us cry, she made us think... she made us live better lives and be better people!

Our families also shared a similar faith journey... Julie knew she was beloved by Creator-Spirit — we all are! No matter what, she continued to trust and hope in the Eternal One and experience His loving presence; her faith and peace of mind through her difficult cancer journey were incredible!

It was awhile before her and her family gave our Laurier Sunday morning group a try. They first decided to join us for our annual Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday Sunday breakfast celebration — and they loved it! By the end of the morning with kids running around, sky high piles of pancakes, sausages, syrup, berries and whipped cream, storytelling and pondering, they had become part of our little neighbourhood home church — sharing brunch, reflections, and prayers every week from then on...

In fact, this past June, Julie helped pick the book that we're now discussing, it's called We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren. Julie, Steve and I went to Calgary for a 3-day weekend to hear this author, speaker and activist who was so up her alley!

And that title seems so fitting when we reflect on and celebrate Julie's life among us—she made the road by walking—she made the road, even of incurable cancer, by walking it—with courage, openness, and grace...

As we as neighbours remember and celebrate her life, her joy, her nearby and far-reaching influence, I invite us to continue to share with one another at least two things...

Something we learned from Julie and second, a story or special memory that fills our hearts with gratitude — I know so many neighbours have them and I look forward to hearing more of them.

I'll start... I learned that grace and gratitude from Julie over and over again... now I must ask myself, how can I express both better? — like Julie.

Another special memory, an afternoon tea party in her library exchanging second-hand clothes (of course) and sipping from English teacups!

COMFORT WORDS

I'VE HEARD IT SAID WORDS ARE
FOOD FOR THE SOUL
IF WE EAT COMFORT FOOD,
IT ONLY STANDS TO REASON
OUR SOUL REQUIRES
COMFORT WORDS.
I HAVE LANGUAGE ENVY, I CONFESS
MY HEART ACHES WITH LONGING
WHEN I HEAR 'BELLA' OR 'BUENAS
NOCHES' ROLLING OFF THE
TONGUE,
WHEN I READ 'J'ADORE' AND
PRACTICE IT ALOUD,
CHANGING MY INFLECTION SEVERAL
TIMES OVER
WORDS IN MY TONGUE, THOUGH,
CARRY A BEAUTY ALL THEIR OWN
WARM. SOFT. HONEY.
EACH WORD EVOKING A FEELING SO
TANGIBLE
I CAN ALMOST TASTE THE
SWEETNESS.
HOME. A WEIGHTY, GROUNDING
WORD
OFTEN SHOWING UP ALONGSIDE
LOVE.
THE GOSSAMER WINGS OF THE
BUTTERFLY.
THE EUPHORIA OF A SPRING
SUNRISE.
THE SERENDIPITY OF AN UNPLANNED
VISIT.
LYRICAL TRANQUILITY,
PEACE-FILLED SOLITUDES,
SAUNTERING SOLILOQUIES.
THE ACT OF SPEAKING THESE WORDS
ALoud
BRINGS A SMILE TO THE CORNERS OF
MY MOUTH.
I WRAP MYSELF IN THESE LITTLE
MELODIES
THESE TINY TREASURES, STORED
SAFELY FOR THE RIGHT TIME
THEY SURROUND ME LIKE A
CHERISHED CARDIGAN
CALMING, STEADYING,
TUCKING ME IN TO SWEET SLUMBER.

— JULIE ROHR

membership

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Becoming a member of your Community League is one way we can all be better neighbours! A Community League is a group of neighbours who come together to coordinate neighbourhood events, activities, and programs. There are presently 157 Community Leagues in Edmonton. By becoming a member of your Community League, you help your neighbours connect, build, protect, and improve community facilities, thereby increasing your quality of life. Community Leagues do this through the organization of recreational, educational, and sporting events, the construction of amenities such as spray parks, playgrounds, sports courts, community gardens, and league halls, and the advocacy of local causes.

Community Leagues have always been led by local community volunteers — your friends and neighbours. Community leagues are an excellent training ground to cultivate future leaders in a variety of disciplines, including government. Several of our current council members began their careers on community league boards! Volunteering in your community might help you meet new people and develop new skills. We are building a flourishing community that benefits everyone!

2021/22 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. GET THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR BY PURCHASING TODAY!

NEW TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD? IF YOU HAVE MOVED TO LAURIER HEIGHTS IN 2021 AND HAVE NEVER HELD A MEMBERSHIP WITH US, WE WOULD LOVE TO GIFT YOU YOUR FIRST MEMBERSHIP! SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND SUBMIT IT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR!

COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR COMMUNITY SOCCER REGISTRATION, OTHER YOUTH SPORTS, RINK/COURT USE, AND FOR SELECT PROGRAMS AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, YOUR MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU A PLACE TO BELONG, CONTRIBUTE, SHARE YOUR GIFTS AND PARTICIPATE AS A UNIQUE AND VALUED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MEMBERSHIP FEES SUPPORT:

MAINTAINED COMMUNITY SPACES

Community Hall, skating rinks, playground, splash deck, tennis and pickleball courts, Gazebo Park, Urban Orchard and Food Forest.

FREE, LOW-COST SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Seasonal community fun days, Green Shack, neighbourhood newsletters, community potlucks, family movies, playgroup, art club, urban food forest, ACE, Sprouts, Scouts and more!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

FREE skating at the Laurier Heights rinks and at other League rinks in the city; access to the Laurier tennis courts; FREE summer and winter playground leaders (Green Shack); subsidized fitness programs (Community Wellness Network); and discounts at various City of Edmonton recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program.

DISCOUNTS

Community League hall rentals, selected programming, and city-wide discounts offered through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Most importantly, your membership gives you a place to belong, contribute, share your gifts and participate as a unique and valued Laurier Heights community member.

2021/22 LHCL MEMBERSHIP FORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
- MEMBERSHIPS VALID UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2022



Household Info

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Additional Household Members:

Adult #2 (first + last name): _____

Additional Family Member: _____ Birth Year: _____

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☐ YES! Our family would like skate/tennis tags so we can use the community facilities. We require # _____ tags.

Membership Type

☐ FAMILY (\$40)
Primary member must be 18+;
unlimited household members

☐ SINGLE (\$25)
Single member must
be 18+

☐ SENIOR (\$25)
For up to two 65+ adults
in the same household

☐ ASSOCIATE (\$50)
Membership purchase for those
living outside of Laurier Heights

☐ NEW (FREE)
For new Laurier
residents as of 2021

Membership fees may be paid with cash or a cheque made payable to: **LAURIER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

Alternately, e-transfer payments can be sent to membership@lhcl.ca

Please submit this completed form & your payment to:
Jen Bann • 14604 84 Ave • T5R 3X2 • membership@lhcl.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

We require assistance from volunteers throughout the year for our annual fundraisers and other special community events. You can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like based on your availability and schedule. We also have vacant Board Member positions available immediately. Please let us know if you are interested in helping us as we work to build a better community for all. Thank you!

☐ BOARD or TEAMS

Yes, I am interested in volunteering in an ongoing capacity. Please contact me with information on current Board positions and/or other long-term volunteer opportunities. Areas of volunteer interest for me include:

☐ OCCASIONAL

Yes, I am interested in volunteering to assist our Community League from time to time. Please include me on the Laurier Heights Volunteer Request email alerts so I can help when I'm available.

☐ SENDING REGRETS

No, I'm sorry that I'm unable to volunteer this year.

☐ OPTIONAL DONATION

Yes, I'd also like to support our community league by offering an additional donation of

\$ _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or greater.

To receive your tax receipt, please ensure donations are made payable to :
LAURIER HEIGHTS BUILDING SOCIETY

For your convenience, memberships may also be purchased online at www.efcl.org

ADVERTISE WITH US

Laurier Heights Newsletter is published quarterly, and distributed to over 1000 households and businesses in the Laurier Heights neighbourhood.

If you'd like to buy advertising space in a future issue, please contact our Advertising Coordinator. Be sure to ask about our advertising opportunities in our community email newsletter as well!

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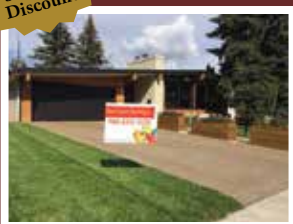
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A community is built through giving. Join us!

HELP CREATE A PLACE WHERE NEIGHBOURS SHARE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND OWNERSHIP

Community League volunteers have provided Edmonton residents with a voice in community development as well as unmatched recreational and social infrastructure. When you volunteer, you are making an impact in your life, the lives of those you volunteer with, and the lives of those who benefit from your efforts. Giving back to the place you call home helps to make your community a better place not only for you, but for all who live there.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND SKILLS AS A GIFT TO STRENGTHEN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

EVENTS TEAM LEAD

Organizes a group of community people to handle all aspects of League social activities. Keeps the board of directors up to date on developments and works closely with the Volunteer Coordinator and Rental Coordinator to ensure that all aspects of events are taken care of.

SECRETARY

As a member of the Executive Committee, the Secretary attends all Board meetings, takes accurate minutes and distributes them to attendees in a timely manner. The secretary sends meeting agendas and notices and is responsible for general Board correspondence.

MEMBER AT LARGE / BLOCK CONNECTOR LEAD

At this time, we are looking for a Member at Large to work to recruit, develop, support and encourage our current network of Block Connectors.

We also have opportunities for people to volunteer on any of our teams and sub-committees:

- Communications Team
- Events Team
- Finance Committee
- Programs Team

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, please email: volunteer@lhcl.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 12 – ILLUMINIGHT

PURCHASE YOUR CANDLE BAGS AND LINE THEM UP IN OUR GREEN SPACES ALONG WITH OTHER NEIGHBOURS IN SUPPORT OF JASPER PLACE WELLNESS CENTRE.

DECEMBER 21 – WINTER SOLSTICE

CAMPFIRES, CAROLS AND COMPANY; SAY GOOD-BYE TO DARKNESS ON THE SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR!

JANUARY 29 – WINTER FUN DAY

2:30 - 5:30 PM

JOIN US FOR SLEIGH RIDES AND MUCH MORE WINTER FUN!

FEBRUARY 21 – FAMILY DAY MOVIE

Events will depend on Covid updates and restrictions, so visit LHCL.ca for updates.

Have an idea for an event you'd like to see in our neighbourhood? Contact Ainsley at events@lhcl.ca

• CASINO FUNDRAISER •

MARCH 28-29, 2022 | YELLOWHEAD CASINO

Our casino fundraiser brings in needed funds to help support our programming and facility maintenance each. Volunteers are needed!! Shift times are 9:00 am-6:30 pm; 6:30 pm-3:30 am ; or 11:00 pm - 3:45 am. Email casino@lhcl.ca for specific shift information and to sign up!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Are you receiving our regular email update newsletters? It's full of great information for the neighbourhood. Sign up on our website at www.lhcl.ca