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Shirley comes to SRS with experience as a puppeteer with the Camp Quality Puppeteers and the Sudbury Encore Theatre. Shirley has 7 children, 19 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Shirley is “excited to be a part of this innovative new troupe and is looking forward to sharing health and safety awareness with seniors throughout Northeastern Ontario and having a great time doing it”.

Gail is new to the drama scene. Community Based Programs and Projects took up the lion’s share of her working years as a Group Facilitator and Life Skills Coach. She looks forward to using old skills in a new way.

Myrna is a retired retail employee, widow, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She volunteers in several organizations but this is her first venture into performing on a stage before a large group. She says, “I’m sure enjoying it!”

Diane comes to SRS with experience as a puppeteer with the Camp Quality Puppet Program. She is a retired office worker and interviewer, has two married daughters and five grandchildren. In her spare time she likes to quilt. Diane is looking forward to performing with the Sudbury Rising Stars.

Anne C. comes to the Rising Stars with a background of performing as a puppeteer with Camp Quality. She is a retired nurse, mom, and grandmother. Rising Stars so far has proven to be a good “mental health” activity for her.

Henny - Henny is actually short for Hendrika. She is of Dutch descent. Henny is a retired elementary school teacher and acting is an ongoing interest for her. She says, “Being in the troupe is fun and it feels good to give back to the community in this way”.

Carole has lived and worked her entire life in Sudbury. She is married and has one daughter. She enjoys the companionship of a delightful shih-tzu, Maggie. She enjoys knitting, reading, baking and cooking. She volunteers in her church and community and works as a school lunchroom supervisor. Being a member of the Rising Stars has been a fun adventure. She looks forward to sharing the message of health and safety and entertaining people along the way.

Robin is our self-appointed musical director. He has lived in Sudbury since 1975. In his previous life, before joining the Rising Stars, he was a pediatrician and Medical Officer of Health, retiring in 2000. Over many years he has sung in various community and church choirs, (Bel Canto) and has done musical theatre productions in high school and university.

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June McDonald comes to the SRS with no acting experience. She is a retired nurse and is kept busy with her eleven grandchildren and a special great-granddaughter. June is very active in her church. Sudbury Rising Stars adds more fun to her life.

Linda Rumball has enjoyed a rewarding career in nursing for over thirty years. She is a strong advocate for positive family values, an avid gardener and pet lover.

Paulette Lafleur, known as the Country Flower, has been an avid guitar player for approximately twelve years. She sings and plays in senior homes, private homes and summer festivals. Paulette is looking forward to another year with the Sudbury Rising Stars.

Madeleine Dennis is a retired Occupational Nurse, mother of four daughters and grandmother of seven. She has been active in many Sudbury community associations over the years, mostly in the health care field. She has been married for forty-eight years and enjoys traveling with her husband. She also enjoys reading and playing bridge.

Ken: A Sudbury man, born and bred, Found myself a nurse.
Forty years we've been wed. Father of two, grandfather of four.
Joking, laughing, talking found me a part of Rising Stars.

Bernadette (Bernie) is a retired Registered Nurse. She has no previous acting experience but loves the theatre. In her spare time she loves reading, doing crafts, knitting and baking.

Theresa is a self-employed entrepreneur and volunteer. She sees the troupe as a viable opportunity to assist the elders of the Region of Sudbury. As an experienced volunteer she knows that visual information presented with humor by a talented group of actors is very effective.

Ann D. is a retired school teacher. She has been married to Ray for forty-eight years. They have two daughters, Kathy and Monique and one granddaughter, Lauren. Her experience in performing was with the Camp Quality Puppeteers. She sees the SRS as a great opportunity to work with a talented group of people who enjoy performing skits to enlighten seniors about different hazards they may encounter.

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Marilyn is a retired nurse from Onoway, Alberta. She performed in the “Sound of Music”, a nursing school production at the Edmonton General Hospital from which she received her B. Sc. She also sang in the United Church choir from the age of twelve to eighteen. Marilyn is married, has two children and four grandchildren. She keeps busy volunteering for I.O.D.E. and SRS. She also finds time to travel around the world with her husband, curl and baby-sits their grandchildren. She relaxes at their mobile home on Manitoulin Island.

Connie has three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She keeps very busy with family and volunteer work as she loves both very much. Connie did some acting in high school and says, “Getting back into it with Rising Stars is a blast”.

Laurie is a Public Health Nurse and has worked at the Sudbury & District Health Unit for 24 years. She currently works in the area of injury prevention for both children and seniors, with a focus on preventing falls. Laurie is one of the facilitators that helped launch the Sudbury Rising Stars in 2007 and continues to provide ongoing support to the troupe.

Mary is a retired Professor of Nursing. Mary has volunteered in several organizations such as performing arts and is a Board member for sexual abuse and mental health. At present, she is the Diocesan Communication Chairperson for C.W.L; the Past President of the CWL at the Parish level and is the current Director of the Sudbury Rising Stars.

Alvina (Al) lived in Montreal and Ottawa before marriage and has been residing in Gatchell since June 1954. Al was a stay-at-home Mom to seven children. Later Al worked at the Sudbury Memorial Hospital and then as Secretary-Receptionist for the Sudbury & District Health Unit for 17 years. Over the years Al has volunteered for the CWL, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Al has been a member of the Ottawa Valley Club and has worked at many elections and enumerations. Travel all over the world and Canada is a great hobby for Al. Retirement has been busy and the Sudbury Rising Stars rounds out her life well. Family is all important in her life.

Marian is a long time resident of Sudbury. She sees herself as a frustrated artist. Family, friends and grandchildren gladden her heart and the beauty of the colors of nature inspires her. She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren grow and mature at her camp on Trout Lake. Movement and music also play an important part in her life.

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Joanne is a retired Phys Ed teacher. She met Ron at the Sudbury Tennis Club and they were married in 1957. She taught Physical Education and English at several high schools in the area including Levack. Her second career was Co-ordinator of Volunteer Services at Memorial Hospital for ten years. She plays tennis regularly. Joanne has been on the Board of Directors and served a term as President.

Cathy is a retired nurse. She worked in the Dialysis Unit for the last twenty years of her career. She is new to the acting scene but enjoys helping the group entertain and inform seniors. Her main position so far has been as prompter for the cast members. She also enjoys working as a teacher's helper at her grandson's school.

Ron is a retired Mining Engineer at INCO. He has been very busy as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. He enjoys singing in Gilbert and Sullivan productions. He keeps fit playing tennis twice a week at the Sudbury Indoor Tennis Club of which he is a founding member. Ron is presently our sound engineer.

Jean Crouse is a devoted mother and grandmother. She enjoys cooking for company and family. This "savy" grandmother keeps in touch with a grandson in Scotland by WEB CAM. She is quite busy travelling to stay in touch with family members. Jean enjoys the laughter of the audience, and especially the fun and antics of the cast. She adds her own positive energy to the troupe.

Natalie is a Social Service Worker that has worked at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre Sudbury for the past 2 years. She currently works in the area of special events for seniors. Natalie is one of the facilitators that has assisted Laurie with the Sudbury Rising Stars and continues to provide ongoing support to the troupe, who are volunteers of the ParkSide Centre.

Pat Park, a retired teacher, has been performing since she was a young child in England. She has used musical theatre to meet people in the variety of places she has lived. When Rising Stars started, Pat was the President of Theatre Cambrian, but she did her best to provide support to the group. In January 2009 Pat was happy to become a member of the Rising Stars family, and is ready to sing its praises to all who will listen.

Rolly Lamoureux is retired but keeps very active with 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He also is a committed volunteer in senior residences. He spends his spare time dancing, cross country skiing and fishing. He loves life and people. He is looking forward to bringing his zest for life to the Rising Stars Troupe.