

SSM Annual Conference

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Annual Conference was held in Regina on May 16 & 17. We were privileged to have several great speakers who were very informative on our theme, *'Remembering the Future - Can Medicare and Pensions Survive?'*

Louise Simard, former MLA and former Minister of Health (1991-1995), spoke on the History of Medicare, highlighting the sacrifices and diligence of Tommy Douglas and others who were involved in bringing forth this great healthcare plan. She also informed us that this was just the first step.

Lynn Digney Davis, Chief Nursing Officer, Sk Ministry of Health spoke about where health care is at presently, the challenges and the direction it is heading.

Two other presenters from Sk Ministry of Health, Glenn Deics, Home Care Consultant and Leanne D. Rein, Consultant with the Special Care Homes Program presented information on their respective topics.

Alison Hayford, Professor Emeritus, U of R Sociology Dept., spoke on the history of pensions, where we are today as well as what to expect in the future.

A special presentation to SSM was made by Evan Bray, President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers. SSM was chosen as their charity of choice because of the Elder Abuse Prevention work SSM is involved in.



Pictures: Louise Simard (former MLA and former Minister of Health (1991-1995)), Betty Pickering (SSM President),

Evan Bray, President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers presenting \$5000.00 cheque to Les Lye, SSM President & Holly Schick SSM Executive Director