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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian - your alumni newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this month's issue, you will find YPM's **COVID-19 prevention plan**, a monthly **alumni spotlight**, and information about **how you can stay involved**.

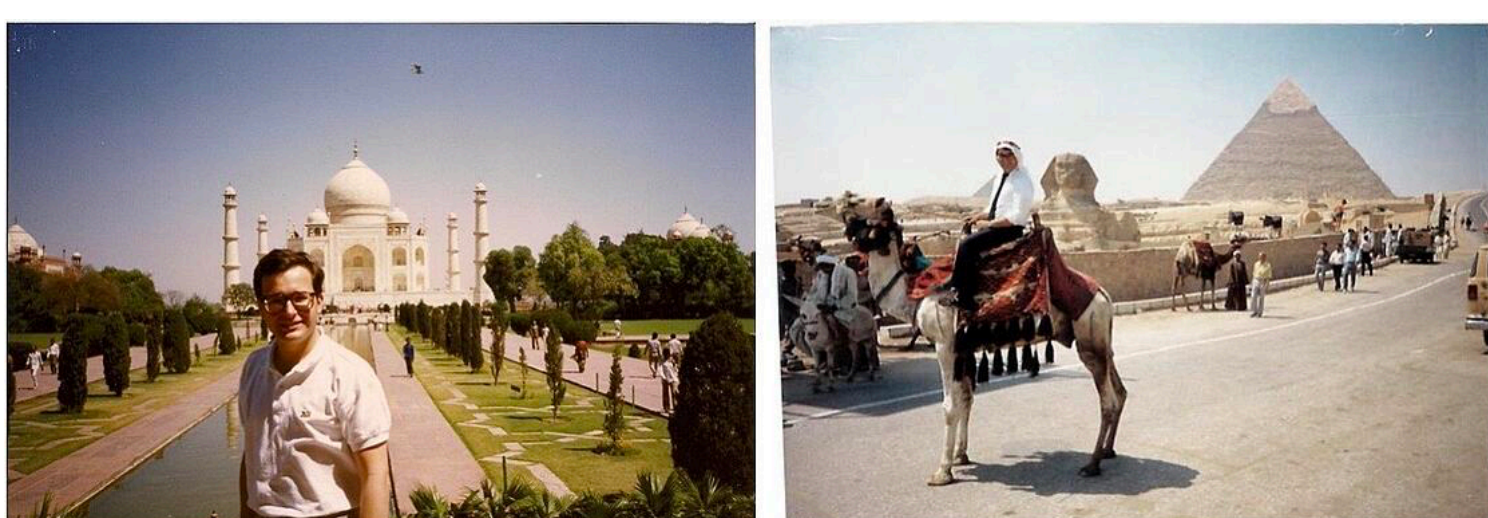


Aidan Prenovault (Member, 94th and 95th Sessions) and Clif Evans (Lieutenant Governor, 94th Session and President of the Association of Former Manitoba MLA's) at Speaker's Night 2019.

YPM and COVID-19

As organizations and corporations around the world adjust to the new normal created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth Parliament of Manitoba is also considering changes to our usual operations. The health of our members and community is our top priority. As such, we have implemented the following safety measures.

1. **Speaker's Night**, our annual fundraising gala dinner, will be rescheduled. Originally planned for mid-July, we have decided to postpone the event. In the Fall, we will revisit this issue, potentially holding the event as provincial guidelines and public health allow.
2. YPM is conducting **all business online** until further notice. Last month, we held our first-ever **virtual AGM** over Zoom. Attendance was exceptional - with over 30 members present, it was the highest-attended AGM in recent history. This month, we will conduct virtual **Cabinet interviews**. Depending on provincial guidelines, we are also prepared to begin virtual Cabinet meetings in the Fall.
3. **Winter Session** is an inherently risky event, with members sleeping, eating, and working in close quarters. We will be closely monitoring COVID-19 developments until December and planning ways to implement heightened sanitation practices and distancing measures at the 99th Winter Session.



Bill Shaddy. Left: In New Dheli working for Frito Lay and Pepsi. Right: While working for Pepsi Egypt.

Alumni Spotlight - Bill Shaddy (53rd-57th Session)

Mr. Bill Shaddy was a member of YPM from 1974 to 1978, attending the 53rd to 57th Winter Sessions. In particular, Bill served as the Secretary of State in the 56th Session. He went on to graduate from the University of Manitoba in 1981, with a B.Comm (Hons). His subsequent 20-year business career included several years in Canada, followed by 17 years with the International Operations of PepsiCo. This management opportunity took him throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. His most memorable accomplishments include establishing the PepsiCo India business 30 years ago and the re-structuring of the Russia business after the collapse of the USSR.

He credits YPM with teaching key skills including cross-cultural sensitivity, analytical thinking, public speaking, personal/professional integrity, and interpersonal teamwork abilities. He is currently retired and living in Florida. Each December, he remembers family and friends in Winnipeg, and of course his time in YPM!

His message to our current members: Work hard, recognize your strengths/weaknesses...and above all, enjoy life and be an honest friend to all.

Want to be featured in the Alumni Spotlight? Know a fellow alum who deserves recognition? Reply to this email or email speaker@ypmanitoba.ca!



YPM 100

If you are able, please consider donating to our **Capital Campaign to raise the value of our Endowment Fund to \$100,000 by YPM100**. The Endowment Fund, held at the Winnipeg Foundation, significantly improves YPM's long-term financial stability, and expands our ability to provide financial aid to members in need. We currently need to raise approximately **\$50,000 by December 2021** to reach this goal! All donations will be matched 5:1 by The Winnipeg Foundation.

If you would like to donate, you may mail a cheque to
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Stay involved!

We would love to keep you involved in the community! Here are three ways:

1. **Share your YPM experience**. Over the past year, I've started looking into YPM's history and began asking tons of questions about how the we have changed over the last 99 years. Please share your own YPM experience and help us piece together a comprehensive history of this great organization.
2. **Become a mentor**. Mentorship is one of the most valuable experiences a young person can receive. YPM is privileged to have such a diverse and illustrious alumni network, encompassing hundreds of different career paths and life experiences. If you are interested in being paired with a current YPM member to mentor, let us know what you're up to now and you may be connected!
3. **Stay connected**. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter, Like our page on Facebook! If you are receiving this email, you are on the Youth Parliamentarian email list. However, if you know someone who is an alum of YPM but *isn't* receiving these emails, please encourage them to join the mailing list!

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Cheers,

Deborah Tsao

Speaker, 99th Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

