

WOMEN MLAS

An alphabetical list of women who have served as Members of the Legislature in New Brunswick. Each entry includes biographical information on each MLA including Education, Private and Political Careers, and involvement with Committees, Organizations and Charities.

Barry, Pamela Jane
Blaney, Margaret-Ann
Breault, Gertrude Ann
Brine, Beverly Mae
Crossman, Patricia (Pat)
Day, Georgie Margaret
de Ste.Croix, Marie Carolle Lise
DeWare, Mabel Margaret
Dubé, Madeleine (Mado)
Dysart, Shirley Theresa
Fowlie, Brenda
Jardine, Kim
Jarrett, Ella Laureen
Keddy, Carole Juanita
Kingston, Joan Margaret
Landry, Marie-Marthe Aldéa
Lavoie, Cheryl
MacAlpine-Stiles, L. Joan
Mersereau, Marcelle
Poirier, Rose-May
Ringuette, Pierrette
Robertson, Brenda May
Robichaud, Carmel
Schryer, Mary Louise
Teed, Nancy Elizabeth Clark
Trenholme Counsell, Dr. Marilyn
Weir, Elizabeth Jane

Barry, Pamela Jane

Born: 10 July 1944 in Halifax, NS

Party: Liberal

Education

Mount St. Vincent University

Saint Francis Xavier University- BSc (cum laude)

Private Career

Laboratory Assistant: Halifax Infirmary, 1963

Chemist: Lantic Sugar, 1965-1966

Research Assistant: University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy, 1966-1967

Proprietor: Carleton Collector Antique Business, Saint John, 1983-1987

Research Assistant: National Research Council of Canada, Halifax, 1994

Executive Director: Greater Saint John Community Foundation, 1999- Present

Political Career

1984-1987: Director: Saint John West Liberal Association

1984-1985: Co-Chair: Liberal Party Task Force on Parents and Early Childhood Education

1987: Elected MLA for Saint John-West, GE 13 October

1989-1991: Minister of State for Childhood Services

1991: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-West, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of the Environment (first woman to hold this post)

1994-1998 : Solicitor General (first woman to hold this post)

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John-Lancaster, GE 11 September

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Co-Chair: Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord

Vice Chair: Select Committee on Energy

Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee

Member: Special Committee on Social Policy Development

Member: Standing Committee on Law Amendments

Chair: Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment

Chair: Atlantic Environment Ministers Committee

Chair: Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment

Member: Premier's Round Table on the Environment

Co-Chair: Task Force on Parents and Early Childhood Education

Organizations and Charities

Member: Board of Governors- Saint John United Way
Member: Board of Directors- Saint John Junior Achievement Program
President: West Saint John Co-op Preschool
President: Saint John Co-op Supply Depot
President: University of New Brunswick - Saint John Women's Club
Director: Loyalist Days Inc.
Chair: Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Campaign
Member: School Board, District 20
Member: New Brunswick School Trustees' Association
Member: St. Francis Xavier Alumni Association
Member: Canadian Federation of University Women
Executive Director: Greater Saint John Community Foundation
Life Member: Saint John Humane Development Council
Honourary Vice President: Royal Canadian Legion- Branch 69

Awards

2004: New Brunswick Day Community Leadership Award
2005: YM-YWCA Red Triangle Award
Canada 125 Medal

Jane Barry was associated with organizations and charities too numerous to mention. For a full listing, including recognitions and awards, please see the New Brunswick Pamphlet file.

Blaney, Margaret-Ann

Born: 1961 in Corner Brook, NL

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Memorial University- BA (cum laude); post-graduate work in Social Work and Psychology

Private Career

Political Reporter, Panelist: CBC
Political Journalist: CTV (Newfoundland Division)
Host: *Newfoundland Today*
Political Journalist: CTV

Co-owner and General Manager: Atlantic Veterinary Hospital, Rothesay

Political Career

1993: Defeated, federal GE 25 October, in the riding of Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte (NL)

1997: Lost race for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick

1999: Elected MLA for Saint John-Kings, GE 7 June

1999-2001: Minister of Transportation

1999-2006: Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

2001-2003: Minister of Public Safety

2003: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Kings, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister of Training and Employment Development

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Rothesay, GE 18 September

2006- : Opposition Critic: Status of Women

2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour

2008- : Opposition Critic: Health

Committees

Member: Select Committee on Life Long Learning

Organizations and Charities

Chair: Kidney Foundation Campaign

Member: Board of Directors, Saint John Regional Committee of the Aquatic Centre

Member: Saint John-Kings Rotary Club

Member: Canadian Cancer Society Gala Committee

Volunteer: Children's Miracle Network Telethon

Cabinet Member: Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation

Awards

2005: Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award for work on Action Plan on Violence Against Women

Breault, Gertrude Ann

Born: 15 December 1938 in Moncton, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College
Saint John School of Nursing
University of New Brunswick- course work

Private Career

Teacher
Registered Nurse
Journalist

Political Career

1987: Elected MLA for St. Stephen-Milltown, GE 13 October
1991: Re-elected MLA for St. Stephen-Milltown, GE 23 September
1991-1995: Minister of Income Assistance (became Human Resources in 1993); Minister of State for Literacy
1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Western Charlotte, GE 11 September
1995-1998: Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing
1998-1999: Minister of Health and Community Services
1999: Did not stand for re-election, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates, Private Bills and Legislative Administration
Member: Special Committee on Social Policy Development
Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee

Organizations and Charities

President: Charlotte County Women's Council
President: Canadian Mental Health Association - New Brunswick Division
Director: Centracare, Saint John
Co-Founder: Fundy Region Transition House
Co-Founder: Charlotte County Day Care Centre
Member: Nurses Association of New Brunswick
Member: Catholic Women's League of Canada

Brine, Beverly Mae

Born: 19 June 1961 in Moncton, NB

Parties: Confederation of Regions (CoR), Independent

Education

Menihek Integrated High School (Labrador City, NL)- Diploma in Secretarial Arts, 1980
Industry-related courses

Private Career

Pensions and Investment Counsellor

Political Career

1990: President, Riverview CoR Association

1990-1991: Member, Provincial Board of Directors and Policy and Platform Committee - CoR
New Brunswick; Secretary, Albert County CoR Association

1991: Elected MLA for Albert County in GE 23 September

1995: Did not stand for re-election, GE 11 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committee on Privileges

Member: Select Committees on Land Use and the Rural Environment, Representation and
Electoral Boundaries, and the Constitution

Organizations and Charities

Volunteer for many programs in her daughter's school

Crossman, Patricia

Born: 1940 in Moncton, NB

Died: 30 December 2002

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Moncton High School

Acadia University

Private Career

Volunteer- See *Organizations and Charities*, below

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Riverview in GE 7 June

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Education

Member: Standing Committee on Legislative Administration

Organizations and Charities

Life Member: IODE, Primary and Provincial Chapters
Life Member: Canadian School Boards Association
Member: Town of Riverview Leisure Advisory Committee
Member: Saint George's Anglican Church
Member: District School Board as School Trustee for Riverview
President: New Brunswick School Trustees Association (1987-1990)
President: Canadian School Boards Association (1994-1997)
Honourary Chair: CIBC Run for the Cure

Day, Georgie Margaret

Born: 2 May 1947 in Saint Stephen, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Saint John General Hospital- Three year nursing program
Dalhousie University- Diploma in Public Health Nursing , 1971
University of Toronto- Nurse Practitioner program, 1975

Private Career

Occupational Health Nurse: Bell Canada, Toronto
Outpost Nurse: Northwest Territories
Health Counsellor: Health and Welfare, Saint John
Nursing Advisor: Veterans Services, Saint John
Executive Assistant: Minister of Income Assistance, 1987-1991

Political Career

1991: Director: Fundy-Royal and Kings-West Liberal Association
1991: Elected MLA for Kings Centre, GE 23 September
1994-1995: Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Health and Community Services
1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Hampton-Belleisle, GE 11 September
1995-1998: Minister of State for Literacy and Adult Education; Minister of State for Youth
1998: Minister of Human Resources Development
1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on the Ombudsman and Crown Corporations
Member: Select Committee on Demographics
Vice Chair: Select Committee on the Constitution

Organizations and Charities

Member: Board of Directors - Dr VA Snow Centre, Hampton
Member: NB Blood Donor Recruitment Committee
Member: Nurses Association of NB
Member: NB Occupational Health Nurses Group
Member: Canadian Red Cross Society
Member: YM/YWCA
Chair: Hampton Blood Donor Clinics

de Ste. Croix, Marie Carolle Lise

Born: 28 November 1968 in Dalhousie, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Mount Allison University - BA (Canadian Studies), 1990
University of Guelph - MSc

Private Career

Teacher and French Instructor: Baffin Divisional Board of Education, Iqaluit, Northwest Territories
Rural Planner: Restigouche Planning Committee
Summer Assistant: Finance Minister Allan Maher
Summer Researcher: Dalhousie Business Improvement Area Corporation
Summer Reserarcher: Rural and Small Town Research and Studies Program, Sackville, NB

Political Career

1995: Elected MLA for the new riding of Dalhousie-Restigouche East, GE 11 September
1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Law Amendments and the Ombudsman
Member: Select Committee on Demographics

Organizations and Charities

At Mount Allison University:
President: Canadian Studies Association
Member: President's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues
Member: student council
Established the Mount Allison-Edinburgh Universities Student Exchange Program

Co-Chair: 150th Mount Allison University Homecoming
Student Senator: Guelph University

DeWare, Mabel Margaret

Born: 9 August 1926 in Moncton, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Moncton school system

Private Career

Dental Assistant

Manager: Keeware Management Ltd.

Canadian Women's Curling Champion, 1963

Political Career

1978: Elected MLA for Moncton West, GE 23 October

1978-1982: Minister of Labour and Manpower

1982: Re-elected MLA for Moncton West, GE 12 October

1982-1983: Minister of Continuing Education

1983-1985: Minister of Community Colleges

1985-1987: Minister of Advanced Education and Training

1987: Defeated, GE 13 October

1990-2001: Appointed to the Senate in 1990 by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 in 2001

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Municipalities and Corporations, Law Amendments, Social Development, Private Bills and Estimates

Organizations and Charities

Member: Accreditation Committee for Curling Canada's Coaching Program

Member: NB Sports Hall of Fame

President: Canadian Ladies' Curling Association, 1971-76

Director: Silver Broom Committee for the 1980 World Curling Championships

Dubé, Madeleine (Mado)

Born: 26 September 1961 in Edmundston, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Université de Moncton - BSW

Université Laval - MSW

Private Career

Social Worker: Department of Health and Community Services, Edmundston and Grand Falls

Social Worker: Region 4 Hospital Corporation Drug Addiction Service

Co-owner and president: Priorité Santé Inc.

Professor: Edmundston campus, Université de Moncton

Political Career

Past president of the Edmundston Progressive Conservative Association; involved in policy development for the party

1999: Elected MLA for Edmundston, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Edmundston, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister of Education

2006: Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister Responsible for Seniors in New Brunswick

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Edmundston-Saint-Basile, GE 18 September

2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Education

2007: Elected chair of the Progressive-Conservative Caucus

2008- : Opposition Critic: Regional Development Corporation

2008-2009 : Opposition Critic: Business New Brunswick and the Population Growth Secretariat

2009- : Opposition Critic: Social Development and Senior Issues

Vice-president of the New Brunswick Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Health Care

Member: Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills, Crown Corporations and Legislative Administration

Member: Select Committees to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration, and on Life Long Learning

Organizations and Charities

Co-Founder and Treasurer: Association des programmes d'aide aux employés du Nouveau-Brunswick

Member: Edmundston Chamber of Commerce

Member: Conseil de développement économique du Nouveau-Brunswick

Member: Dames ambassadrices d'Edmundston

Member: Réseau des femmes d'affaires d'Edmundston

Member: Club optimiste

Director: Association des Foyers de Groupe du Madawaska

Referral Agent: School district and Region 4 Hospital Corporation EFAPs

Dysart, Shirley Theresa

Born: in Boston, MA

Party: Liberal

Education

New Brunswick Teachers College

Saint Vincent University

University of New Brunswick- BA

University of London (Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarship), 1956-57

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus - Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1996

Private Career

Teacher

Political Career

1974: Elected MLA for Saint John North, GE 18 November (first female Liberal elected in the province)

1978: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John-Park, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 12 October

1974-1987: Opposition Critic: Education, Advanced Education and Training, Health, and Justice

1985: Interim Leader of the Opposition

1987: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 13 October

1987-1991: Minister of Education

1991: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (the first woman to hold this post)

1995: Did not stand for re-election, GE 11 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Contingencies and the Library, Economic Development, Estimates, Law Amendments, Municipalities and Corporations, Private Bills, Public Accounts and Social Development

Member: Select Committee on Constitutional Reform

Organizations and Charities

Chair: District 20 School Board

Chair: Board of Governors of Theatre New Brunswick

Vice President: New Brunswick Competitive Festival of Music

President: Catholic Women's League Council

President: University of New Brunswick Alumni Council

Member: Board of Governors of the University of New Brunswick

Member: Board of Governors of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery

Member: Board of Directors of Saint John Family Services

Member: Saint John Bicentennial Inc.

Awards

2004: Order of Canada

Fowlie, Brenda

Born: 15 May 1953

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Chipman High School, 1971

Private Career

Columnist: *Saint John Times Globe*

Host: TVNB's *Hot Topic* and *This Week*

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Kennebecasis, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Kennebecasis, GE 9 June

2003-2005: Minister of Environment and Local Government

2006: Minister of Energy; Minister Responsible for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick

2006: Defeated, GE 18 September

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman

Vice Chair: Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Member: Standing Committee on Law Amendments

Member: Select Committee on Education

Organizations and Charities

Member: Quispamsis Town Council

Volunteer: Rothesay Regional Police

Volunteer: Alternative Measures Committee

Volunteer: Lakefield Elementary School

School Board Trustee: School District 19 (now District 6)

Jardine, Kim

Born: 12 April 1966 in Saint John, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Miramichi Valley High School

University of New Brunswick - BEd, 1988

Private Career

Owner: Custom-embroidery business, Miramichi

Supply Teacher: Miramichi region, 1988-1993

Administrative Assistant: electrical contracting firm

Human Resources Officer: NB Power

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Miramichi Centre, GE June 7

1999-2000: Minister of Environment

2000-2003: Minister of Environment and Local Government

2003: Defeated, GE June 9

Organizations and Charities

Member: Choral Society

Member: Toastmasters International

Jarrett, Ella Laureen

Born: 2 November 1938 in Halifax, NS

Party: Liberal

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus- BPE

Private Career

Teacher: Districts 19 and 20, New Brunswick

Teacher: Maine

Political Career

President: Kings West Liberal Association

Member: Liberal Task Force on Education

1987: Elected MLA for Kings West, GE 13 October

1987-1991: Minister of Income Assistance

1991: Re-elected MLA for Kings West, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of Supply and Services

1994-1995: Minister of State for Mines and Energy

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John Kings, GE 11 September

1999: Did not stand for re-election, GE 7 June

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman

Member: Cabinet Committees on Budget, Official Languages and Human Resources

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates and on Crown Corporations

Member: Select Committee on Gasoline Pricing

Organizations and Charities

Coach: University of New Brunswick

Vice President: 1985 Jeux Canada Games

Member: Board of Governors of the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame

Member: Beta Sigma Phi

Director: Saint John Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Chair: Labatt's 24-Hour Relay for the Saint John Regional Hospital

Keddy, Carole Juanita

Born: 20 June 1937 in Saint John, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Simonds Regional High School, 1955

New Brunswick Teachers' College, 1956

University of New Brunswick - BPE, BEd, 1975

University of Maryland - MBA studies

Private Career

Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal: New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon, and Germany

Professor: Simon Fraser University

Owner: manufacturing company, British Columbia

Worked for NATO, 1962-1966 (onetime NATO 'Professional of the Year')

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Saint John Champlain, GE 7 June

2003: Declined re-nomination, GE 9 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Privileges and the Ombudsman

Member: Select Committees on Health Care and Private Passenger Automobile Insurance

Organizations and Charities

Director: Canadian Teachers' Federation

Vice President: Loyalist Days Committee

Member: School Parent Advisory Committee at Simonds Middle School

Member: Bayview Credit Union Credit Committee

Member: Branch #53 Royal Canadian Legion

Canvasser: Salvation Army

Red Shield

Mothers March of Dimes

Heart and Stroke Foundation

Cancer Society

United Way

Volunteer Mentor for gifted and talented students: Simonds Middle School

Kingston, Joan Margaret

Born: 8 January 1955 in Sussex, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Stanley Regional High School

University of New Brunswick - BN, 1978

Private Career

Manager: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, DECH, Fredericton, NB

President: Nurses Association of NB

Chair: NB Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, 1994-1995

Instructor: University of New Brunswick

Recruitment Manager: River Valley Health Authority, 1999-2002

Political Career

1995: Elected MLA for the new riding of New Maryland, GE 11 September

1995-1996: Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Education

1997-1998: Minister of the Environment

1998-1999: Minister of Labour

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

2002-2004: Chief of Staff for the Office of the Official Opposition

2004-2006: Senior Advisor of Policy Development for the Office of the Official Opposition

2006: Appointed Principal Secretary of Government Affairs for the Office of the Premier

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Demographics

Co-Chair: Select Committee on National Unity

Co-Chair: Special Committee on Social Policy Development

Member: Standing Committee on Private Bills

Member: Select Committee on Electoral Reform

Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee

Organizations and Charities

Chair: Snow Challenge- New Brunswick Association for Community Living

Atlantic Provinces Chair: Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

Founding Member: Canadian Association of Obstetric, Gynaecologic and Neonatal Nurses

Member: Board of Directors- Portage NB

Member: Board of Directors- Canadian Nurses Association

Landry, Marie Marthe Aldéa

Born: 27 December 1945 in Sainte-Cécile, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Couvent Jésus-Marie - BA

University of Ottawa, 1968

University of New Brunswick- LLB, 1971

Northeastern University and Radcliffe College - law and business administration

Private Career

Legal Counsel: Revised Statutes of New Brunswick Project, 1973

Director: Legal Translation and Computerization, Department of Justice, 1975-77

Lawyer: Tremblay, Landry and Landry

President: Landal Inc.

Board of Directors: Bank of Canada

Board of Directors: Shaw Group Ltd

Atlantic Provinces Economic Council

Political Career

Former President: NB Liberal Association

1987: Elected MLA for Shippagan-les-iles, GE 13 October

1987-1991: President of the Executive Council (first Acadian woman named to New Brunswick Cabinet); Deputy Premier

1987-1988: Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs

1988-1989: acting Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture

1991: acting Minister of Housing

1991: Defeated, GE 23 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills and Law Amendments

Member: Executive Committee of Cabinet

Organizations and Charities

Member: Board of Governors - Université de Moncton

Member: Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Member: New Brunswick Human Rights Commission

Vice President: New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Bar Association

President: New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Bar Association (first woman to hold this post)

NB Provincial President: Council for Canadian Unity

Co-Chair: Downey-Landry Commission on Excellence in Education

Awards

2009: one of the recipients of the Women's Executive Network's Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards

Lavoie, Cheryl

Born: in Bathurst, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Bathurst High School

Political Career

1994-2006: President: Nepisiguit Liberal Association

2006: Elected MLA for Nepisiguit, GE 18 September

2007: Designated Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Group representative of the New Brunswick Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

2009-: Chair: Government Caucus

Committees

Vice-Chair: Standing Committees on Legislative Officers, Private Bills and Crown Corporations

Vice-Chair: Select Committee on Wellness

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates, Law Amendments and Procedure

Member: Select Committee on Life Long Learning

Organizations and Charities

Co-ordinator: New Brunswick Red Cross Swimming Program

MacAlpine-Stiles, L Joan

Born: in Rexton, NB

Parties: Progressive Conservative, Liberal

Education

Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton

Political Career

1992-1998: Moncton city councillor

1997-1999: Deputy Mayor of Moncton (first woman to hold this post)

1999: Elected MLA for Moncton South, GE 7 June

1999-2000: Minister of Municipalities

2000-2001: Minister of Business New Brunswick

2001-2003: Minister of Family and Community Services

2003: Re-elected MLA for Moncton South, GE 9 June

2003: Minister of Tourism and Parks

2005-2006: Acting Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister Responsible for the Advisory Council on Seniors

2006: Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Minister of Tourism and Parks

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Moncton West, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Opposition Critic: Tourism and Parks

2007: Joined Liberal Caucus, 17 April

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Life-Long Learning

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills, Estimates, Law Amendments, and Public Accounts

Member: Select Committee on Wellness

Organizations and Charities

President: Uplands/Rockaway Home and School Association

Vice President: Bessborough Home and School Association

President: Multiple Sclerosis Society

Fund-Raising Co-ordinator: Canadian Cancer Society

Fund-Raising Co-ordinator: Red Cross

Fund Raiser: Alzheimer Society

Advocacy Board Member: Support for Single Parents

Member: Moncton Hospital Board

Member: Greater Moncton International Women's Day Committee

Member: December 6th Committee

Member: Moncton Community Policing Board

Member: Museum Board

Member: Heritage Preservation Review Board

Member: Moncton Lion's Senior Citizens Board

Member: City of Moncton Pension Board

Member: Legal and Administrative Committee, City of Moncton

Member: Moncton Police Force Pipe and Drum Board

Committee Member: Greater Moncton Santa Claus Parade

Sunday School Teacher: St. John's United Church, Moncton

Council Representative: Midtown Residents Association

Mersereau, Marcelle

Born: 14 February 1942 in Pointe-Verte, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

NB Teachers' College

Université de Moncton - BSc (Home Economics), 1970; post graduate studies in community development and consumer education

Private Career

Department of Agriculture

Regional Director: Department of Health and Community Services

Regional Director: Department of Income Assistance

Consultant: New Brunswick Housing Corporation

PR Home Economist: Eastern and Central Canada Lightning Fasteners

Political Career

1980-1991: Bathurst city councillor

1991: Elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing

1994-1995: Minister of Environment, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Deputy Premier

1995: Re-elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 11 September

1995-1998: Minister of Human Resources Development

1998-1999: Minister of Municipalities and Housing, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

1999: Re-elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 7 June

1999-2003: Opposition Critic: Family and Community Affairs, Culture and Sport Secretariat, Office of Human Resources, Regional Development Corporation, Service New Brunswick, Mines, Status of Women, and Education

2003: Did not stand for re-election, GE 9 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills and Law Amendments

Member: Select Committees on Education and on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration

Organizations and Charities

Member: Chaleur Regional Ambulance Commission

Member: Regional Hospital Board

Member: le Conseil économique de Nouveau-Brunswick

Member: NB Home Economics Association

Member: Canadian Home Economics Association

Awards

2007: Officier, Ordre de la Pléiade

Poirier, Rose-May

Born: 2 March 1954 in Chatham, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Richibucto school system

Courses in: life insurance, mutual funds, professional communications, and computer technology

Workshops on: leadership and motivation, sales techniques, time management, and personnel recruiting

Private Career

Insurance Representative: Assumption Life

Executive Manager: Tupperware Canada

Political Career

Town Councillor: Saint-Louis de Kent

President: Rogersville-Kouchibouguac Progressive Conservative Association

1999: Elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE 7 June (first woman to hold this post)

1999-2001: Chair: Government Caucus

2003: Re-elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister Responsible for the Office of Human Resources
2006: Minister of Local Government; Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs.
2006: Re-elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE18 September
2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Aboriginal Affairs, Lotteries Commission and New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation
2006-2010: Opposition Critic: New Brunswick Liquor Corporation
2008-2010 : Opposition Critic: Office of the Premier and Secretariat for Community Non-Profit Organizations
2009-2010 : Opposition Critic: Service New Brunswick
2010: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Procedure, Crown Corporations and Legislative Officers
Member: Select Committees to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration

Organizations and Charities

Participant: World Acadian Congress, the Acadian Games, and Promo-Kent
Fund Raiser: renovation committee for Saint-Louis-des-Français church
Fund Raiser: parents committee for Saint-Louis de Kent
Fund Raiser: Children's Wish Foundation
Fund Raiser: Tree of Hope Campaign for the Georges L. Dumont Hospital
Fund Raiser: Friends of the Moncton Hospital
Fund Raiser: Saint-Louis de Kent volunteer firefighters
Fund Raiser: several groups committed to helping cancer patients
Volunteer: Child Find
Volunteer: New Brunswick Heart and Stroke Foundation
Volunteer: ParticipACTION
Volunteer: various parent-teacher committees

Ringuette, Pierrette

Born: 31 December 1955 in Edmundston, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Edmundston school system

Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus - BA (Administration and Social Science)

Université Laval - MA (Industrial Relations)

University of Ottawa- MBA, 2000

Private Career

Assistant Lecturer: Université du Québec à Rimouski

Professor of Continuing Education: Université de Moncton- Edmundston campus

Manager: Edmundston Chamber of Commerce

President: La Foire Brayonne, Inc.

Director: Campagne des Jeunes Travailleurs du Nord-Ouest, Inc.

Member: Disciplinary Committee of the NB Nurses Association

International Business Development Manager: Canada Post

Cercle de Presse International de la République

Family Enrichment

Political Career

1987: Elected MLA for Madawaska-South, GE 13 October

1988-1991: Deputy Speaker

1991: Re-elected MLA for Madwaska-South, GE 23 September

1993: Resigned as MLA for Madawaska-South

1993: Elected MP for Madwaska-Victoria, Federal GE 25 October

1997: Defeated, Federal GE 2 June, in the new riding of Tobique-Mactaquac

2002: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Crown Corporations and Privileges

Member: Special Committee on Economic Policy Development

Member: Senate Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament, on Transport and Communications, Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Organizations and Charities

Vice President: International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians

Member: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Member: New Brunswick Committee on Canadian Federalism

Honorary President: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Madawaska

Awards

2007: Officier, Ordre de la Pléiade

Robertson, Brenda May

Born: 23 May 1929 in Sussex, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Sussex High School

Mount Allison University - BSc (Home Economics), 1950

Mount Saint Vincent University - Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, 1973

Université de Moncton - Honorary Doctorate of Social Sciences, 1983

Private Career

Home Economist: Department of Agriculture's Women's Centre

Head of Fine Arts: Trent University

Home Economics Teacher: Saint John High School

Political Career

Member: Coverdale Women's Progressive Conservative Association

1967: Elected MLA for Albert County, GE 23 October (first woman elected in NB)

1968: President: NB Women's Progressive Conservative Association

1970: Re-elected MLA for Albert County, GE 26 October

1970-1974: Minister of Youth (becomes Youth and Social Services in 1971) (first woman cabinet minister)

1974: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Riverview, GE 18 November

1976-1982: Minister of Health

1978: Re-elected MLA for Riverview, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Riverview, GE 12 October

1982-1984: Minister Responsible for Social Program Reform

1984: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Committees

Member: House Committees on Public Accounts, Municipalities, Library, Law Amendments, Standing Rules, Agriculture, Corporations, and Social Development

Vice-Chair: Senate Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders

Member of several other Senate Committees

Organizations and Charities

President: New Brunswick Home Economics Association

Member: Atlantic Literary Lodge

Member: Moncton Beaver Curling Club

Member: Moncton Golf and Country Club

Awards

2004: Order of New Brunswick

Robichaud, Carmel

Born: in Neguac, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

L'École Régionale de Neguac

NB Teachers' College, 1959

Université de Montréal- Teacher's Diploma, 1989

Fredericton- completed principal's in-service program, 1990

University of Ottawa- completed leadership program at the Centre de leadership en éducation, 1995

Université de Moncton- BA; MEd (school administration), 1997

Saint Thomas University- BEd

Private Career

Teacher

Vice Principal

Department Head

French Second Language Immersion Coordinator

Part time University Professor

Political Career

President: Lower Miramichi Bay Liberal Women's Association

Secretary: Miramichi Bay (Liberal) Association

2003: Elected MLA for Miramichi Bay, GE 9 June; Opposition Critic: Education and Status of Women

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Miramichi Bay-Neguac, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister responsible for the Status of Women

2007-2008: Minister of Local Government; Minister responsible for Community Non-profit Organizations

2008: Appointed Deputy Speaker

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Crown Corporations, Legislative Administration, and Procedure

Member: Select Committees on Education and Life Long Learning

Organizations and Charities

Founding Administrative Officer: Neguac Air Cadets

Founding Member: School Libraries Infotheque

Member: Acadian Peninsula Consortium

Organizer: Festival de la famille, Acadian Peninsula

Board Member: Centre Beausoleil for adults with special needs

Member: Neguac Royal Canadian Legion

Schryer, Mary Louise

Party: Liberal

Private Career

Sales Manager: Clarica/SunLife

Financial Advisor

Political Career

2006: Elected MLA for Quispamsis, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Minister of State for Seniors; Minister of State for Housing

2007- : Minister responsible for the Status of Women

2007-2008: Minister of Family and Community Services

2008-2009: Minister of Social Development; Minister responsible for Housing

2009- : Minister of Health

Organizations and Charities

Member: Saint John Trade and Convention Centre

Director: Economic Development Commission

President & Director: Kennebecasis Valley Chamber of Commerce

Member: Committee on Land for Public Purposes

Director: Rothesay Regional Police Commission

Member: Quispamsis Town Council

Director: Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation, Region 2

Chair: 2006 Kidney Foundation Fund Raising Drive

Fund Raiser: KV Players

Fund Raiser: Brownies

Fund Raiser: Kennebecasis Valley Minor Hockey Association

Teed, Nancy Elizabeth Clark

Born: 26 February 1949 in Saint John, NB

Died: 29 January 1993

Party: Progressive Conservative

Education

Saint John school system

Saint Mary's University

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus

Private Career

Owner and Personnel Consultant: Nanci Personnel Services Limited

Political Career

1978: Elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 12 October

1982-1985: Minister of Social Services

1985-1987: Minister of Health and Community Services

1987: Defeated, GE 13 October

1990: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on Supply

Member: House Committees on Law Amendments, Veterans Affairs, Municipalities and Corporations, Social Development, Energy, Public Accounts, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Fisheries, and Economic Development

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills and the Ombudsman

Member: Executive Committee on Social Policy and Programs

Organizations and Charities

Member: Saint John Committee on Environment

Member: Board of Directors - YWCA

Member: Saint John Board of Trade

Member: Board for the Saint John Municipal elections

Member: Women's Business and Professional Club

Member: Women's Political Action

Member: Advisory Board - Salvation Army

Member: Trinity Church

Secretary: Market Square Corporation

Vice President: New Brunswick Red Cross Society

Trenholme Counsell, Dr. Marilyn

Born: 1933 in Sackville, NB

Party: Liberal

Education

Port Elgin Regional Memorial School

Mount Allison University - BSc (Home Economics - magna cum laude), 1954

University of Toronto - MA (Nutrition - cum laude), 1960; MD (cum laude), 1967

Courses from Cornell University, University of New Brunswick, and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal

Mount Allison University - Honorary Doctor of Letters

Université de Moncton - Honorary Doctorate in Family Studies

University of New Brunswick - Honorary Doctor of Laws

Private Career

Family Physician: Toronto General Hospital, Sackville Memorial Hospital

Consultant: New Brunswick and Ontario Departments of Health

Freelance Journalist: Toronto

Political Career

President: Westmorland-Kent Liberal Association

Member: Policy Committee of the Liberal Party of Canada

1987: Elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 13 October

1991: Re-elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 23 September

1994: Minister of State for Family

1995: Re-elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 11 September

1995-1997: Minister of State for Family and Community Services

1997-2003: Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick

2003: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

2003-2006: President: Beauséjour Federal Liberal Association

2008: Retired from the Senate

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Privileges and the Ombudsman

Vice-Chair: Special Committee on Social Policy Development

Vice-Chair: Select Committee on Demographics

Chair: Select Committee on Social Policy studying integration in schools

Member: Select Committee on the Constitution

Organizations and Charities

Member: Canadian Parents for French (New Brunswick) Inc.

Member: Order of the Eastern Star

Member: I.O.D.E.

Member: University Women's Club

Member: Alpha Omega Alpha Honour Medical Society

Member: Partners for Youth

Member: NB Youth Orchestra

Member: NB Coalition of Literacy

Member: National Advisory Board, Family Resource Programs Canada

Honorary President: Jeunesses musicales du N.-B.

Honorary Patron: Atlantic Ballet Theatre

Awards

National Adult Literacy Database Award

Toastmasters International Award

Dr. William F. Roberts Political Action Award

As Lieutenant Governor, Marilyn Trenholme Counsell was associated with organizations and charities too numerous to mention. For a full listing, including recognitions and awards, please see the New Brunswick Pamphlet file.

Weir, Elizabeth Jane

Born: 20 February 1948 in Belfast, Northern Ireland

Party: New Democratic

Education

University of Waterloo - BA (Sociology - cum laude)

University of Western Ontario - LLB

Private Career

Instructor: York University

Solicitor's Office, Ontario Labour Relations Board

Investigator: Ontario Ministry of Labour, Employment Standards Branch

Instructor: University of New Brunswick

Political Career

1982: Defeated in GE 12 October, riding of York North

1988: Elected leader of the New Brunswick New Democratic Party

1991: Elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 23 September (first woman leader of a political party elected to the New Brunswick Legislature; first leader of the New Democratic Party elected to the New Brunswick Legislature)

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John Harbour, GE 11 September

1999: Re-elected MLA for Saint John Harbour, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Saint John Harbour, GE 9 June

2005: Resigned as MLA; Appointed President and CEO of the newly established Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance

Member: Standing Committees on Legislative Administration, Law Amendments, Crown Corporations, Public Accounts, Privileges, and Procedure

Member: Select Committees on Education, Health Care, Wood Supply, Local Governance and Regional Collaboration, the Constitution, and Private Passenger Automobile Insurance

Organizations and Charities

Co-Founder: 1st chapter of the National Association of Women and the Law

Member: Law Society of Upper Canada

Member: Canadian Association of University Teachers

Honorary Member: Local 273 of the International Longshoremen

Participant in international democracy development projects to train parliamentarians in Mozambique, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Macedonia, Niger, Romania, Senegal and Morocco

Awards

Three-time recipient of the New Brunswick Nurses' Association Healthy Public Policy Award

2008: Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Award (New Brunswick)

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