

**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6TH**

10:45am – 11:45am

Jack Saddleback

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**Ed Smith**

Ed is a husband, father and grandfather. He is a member of Freedom Catalyst Regina and Hope Restored Canada, organizations formed to help bring an end to the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Saskatchewan. For the past 25 years Ed has been a speaker at “john schools”, a Saskatchewan Justice, Alternative Measures Program.

Ed tells the story of his daughter Cheri, who at the age of 17 left home with a young man who took her to another city where he forced her to prostitute herself. She was trafficked across western Canada until she was murdered in 1990. Ed and Linda have had the privilege of alerting young people to the risk of sexual predators and helping parents understand how they can better protect their children.

**Jen Renwick**

Jen has spent the last 18 years working with victims of crime. 2 of these years were spent working with a rural Victim Service Program serving several smaller communities as well as 12 First Nations. Jen began working specifically with victims of Intimate Partner Violence while finishing her Bachelor of Human Justice degree at the University of Regina and found her passion. Jen has spent 16 years working in the Domestic Violence Unit at Family Service Regina and is the Supervisor of the Unit. Jen’s concentration is with high risk victims and files where serious, habitual violence has been used in a relationship. The Domestic Violence Unit is a Specialized Victim Services



Program responding to all of Regina Police Services' calls for service that involve any type of domestic conflict. Jen has also spent the past 6 years working part-time with Mobile Crisis Services in Regina, which quickly became another "labour of love".

Jen's presentation is titled, "Stalked for 40 years....A Regina Case Study". Cathy met Gerald in 1974 and the next 40 years would be forever change course. This presentation will explore the CBC documentary created after a legendary case of long term stalking in Regina. Jen invites you to come and learn how Cathy lived, coped and ultimately survived after that fateful meeting so many years ago.

2:15pm-3:15pm

YSO Panel

**Janice Linklater**

Janice Linklater is AnishinaabeKwe from Couchiching First Nation in Treaty 3 territory near Fort Frances, Ontario. She has lived in the West for the majority of her life and loves the people and community of Saskatoon. Janice is the daughter and granddaughter of residential survivors and now calls herself a thriver rather than a survivor. She practices gratitude daily and is a lover of life.

Janice will share her story about how being raised by residential school survivors has affected her life in a positive way. Although the impacts of intergenerational trauma did play a role in her life, she overcame and now teaches others how to be healthy, live healthy and embrace adversity.

Frank Badger and Barb Badger

**AJ Strand**

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### **Cst. Josh Ethier and Cst. Jay Larocque**

D/Cst. Ethier has been a member with Regina Police Service (RPS) since 2008. The majority of that time has been spent working in patrol. Josh also spent 6 months in RPS' Robbery Section prior to his current position in the Gang Unit to where he was transferred in 2016.

D/Cst. Larocque has been a member with RPS since 2006. D/Cst. Larocque has also spent much of time working in patrol and also spent 3 years working in RPS' Centres Unit until he transferred to the Gang Unit in 2016.

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the street gang landscape in Saskatchewan along with some common gang identifiers. The officers plan to focus their presentation on 2 separate files and the impact these files had on the victims involved.

One of the files was called "Project Shred" to RPS. They will discuss the hurdles they had to overcome regarding victims/witness and their use of the Witness Protection Program. The second file discusses the violence used against a high ranking gang member and how this impacted his family, including children. The officers will discuss how the victims and witnesses benefited from various programs RPS has to work with

such as their dog specially trained to work with children and victims as well as the Witness Protection Program.

**Cst. Matt Ingrouille and Tina Thebeau (SAY KNOW)**

Say Know works to bridge the gap between academic research and knowledge earned from the street. We have a network of individuals, whose lives have been impacted in one way or another from the drug trade. We offer professional consultation to researchers, groups and organizations who require pieces of information that can't be found anywhere but through lived experience.

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1:00pm-2:00pm

**Cst. Ryan Ehalt**

Meet Cst. Ryan Ehalt; a 15 year member of the Saskatoon Police Service currently assigned to Saskatoon Crime Stoppers... that's right... he is the bow tie responsible for the humorous, criminal catching posts followed by over 25,000 people! Having also worked in the Detentions Centre, Patrol, Training Unit and Guns & Gangs Unit, Cst. Ehalt will talk to us about using Strategic Social Media to Solve Crime.

**Nina Wilson**

My name is Nina Wilson and I am a Nakota Cree mother and grandmother from the Kahkewistahaw First Nation in South Eastern Saskatchewan. I have been working with the most vulnerable people in our communities for many many years. I work at educating our people about the historical impacts of colonial trauma and I also work at delivering anti racism work within organizations, communities and families of all colors, genders, and classes.

I carry women's ceremonies for my family and community and conduct them as often as need be, which is almost every week for many communities and families in the Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories, going through trauma and strife. Some of the things I also like to do are sewing, creating, writing, singing, and laughing. I have been sober and clean for over two decades and work at supporting women and children mainly, as they struggle to overcome violence and sexual trauma. I currently work at the Sexual Assault

Counselling Program at SIGN, the Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbors in Yorkton Saskatchewan and I live on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation.

### **Rod McKendrick**

Since 1981 has been actively involved in the field of interpersonal violence, this has included the development of the provincial protocols on child abuse and domestic violence to the development of training manuals on domestic violence and abuse of the elderly. He has presented at national and international venues on issues related to interpersonal violence and abuse, and civil legislation in that area. He has assisted other provinces and territories such as NWT and Nunavut to implement legislation on the various forms of violence and abuse. Rod has taught in the Ukraine on the subject of interpersonal violence and abuse and community development.

Away from work he is Vice Chair for the Prairieaction Foundation, a charitable organization that provides funds to universities and communities to conduct research into finding the solutions to address violence and abuse/youth leadership awards and education and awareness grants. He also is President Elect for the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation to provide funds that support the growth of children and youth.

### **Barb Afseth**

Barb Afseth is a Master level Social Worker who has worked in project funded by Justice Canada since 2012. The project aims to bring agencies involved in the Saskatoon Child Center (SCC) (Saskatoon City Police, Ministry of Social Services and Children's Mental Health Services, Saskatchewan Health Authority) responsible for investigation, safety, protection and mental health of children together to provide a coordinated trauma informed response to children who may be victims of or witnesses to crime. Her role within the partnership is to provide counseling and treatment planning for children and their families interviewed at the SCC.

She has had the opportunity to develop extensive theoretical knowledge in the area of trauma and its impact as well as walking beside children and their families through their healing journey. She is a trained as a trainer of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics through the Child Trauma Academy as well as being trained in a number of models of therapeutic interventions to support healing. Her presentation will create an understanding of the child's experience of trauma when words are not enough. She will talk about what behavior tells us about their experience as well as what kinds of activities and interventions support healing.

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### **John Lagimodiere**

Using humor and history, John will guide you through 500 years of contact that relates to Saskatchewan's Aboriginal population. In the process, people will come to understand Terminology and Demographics, the Métis story, Treaties and the impact of the Indian Act on First Nations people. Though some difficult history like residential schools is discussed, the seminar ends on a positive note as we examine the investments, partnerships and trends that are happening in the community as we turn the corner and Indigenous people take our place in Canada.

**Patience Umereweneza and Kerri Isaac**

Patience Umereweneza is the Project Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (SASS), a non-profit provincial membership organization that serves agencies who support survivors of sexual violence. Patience is an alumni of Luther College at the University of Regina, with a Bachelor of Health Studies.

She has spent the last five years working in the interpersonal violence sector as a domestic violence counselor for local women shelters in Regina. She has also worked with children in emergency receiving homes, with local AIDS support programs, and with the Ministry of Social Services Income Assistance Program. As the Project Coordinator for SASS, Patience is overseeing the development of a provincial Sexual Violence Action Plan and is committed to the work of eliminating sexual violence in Saskatchewan.

**PADS – Sgt. Tia Froh (Merlot), Tara Busch (Beaumont) and Donna Blondeau (Kane)**

Tara is the Coordinator of Southeast Regional Victim Services and is handler of Beaumont. Donna is the Coordinator of Moose Jaw Victim Services and handler of Kane. Beaumont and Kane are trauma intervention k9s that provide hands-on emotional support for victims of crime and traumatic events. These dogs are certified service dogs that are drawn to high stress and anxiety. They are present in the courtroom sitting with child witnesses while they testify, assist in the police services while victims provide statements and attend crisis call-outs. They are invaluable in our role assisting victims and working with the police.

Jane Galbreath

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH**

8:30am-10:00am

STR8 UP

**Marie Agioritis and Tina Thebeau**

Meet Marie Agioritis from MomsStopTheHarm - who will be presenting with Tina Thebeau from Say Know!

In 2011 Marie's then 17-year-old son fell to the enticing power of Oxycontin. It started a 4-year spiral of addiction that led to heroin use. Then, without warning, in 2015 her 19-year-old son Kelly, not suffering with a substance use disorder, died by accidental overdose; Fentanyl.

Her efforts have inspired national laws and with her sharing, Marie hopes to soften the judgments, to dispel the myths of who it falls to and hopefully inspire efforts that create forward movement by policy makers, academia and to encourage the spoken voice of the families too afraid to share. Marie is a director of Say Know - Drug Education Project and sits on the boards of: Recovery Saskatoon Alexander's House, and MomsStopTheHarm.

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### **Colli Christante**

Colli is an internationally recognized Performance Mastery Consultant. A Family Constellation Facilitator, Detective of Patterns, Beyond Master NLP Practitioner, Specialized Kinesiologist, Communication Expert and a dynamic force as a Facilitator, Educator, bringing multi-dimensional healing to clients. Colli is also a certified RYT 500 Yoga Instructor, Published Author, Inspirational Speaker, Thought Leader, Social Innovator, Researcher, and Futurist.

Colli's life-long interest in patterns, mind-body communications motivated her to offer Specialized Performance Mastery Consulting services to Musicians such as Jay Semko, Directors, Producers such as Stephen Simon Actors, Sports Teams, and Elite Athletes in the NHL such as Tim Preston, NBA, PGA players such as Stephen Ames PGA Champion and executives such as Robbie Ames, General Manager of Sea Pines Country Club.

Robbie is also Stephen Ames brother.

Through the design, development, and delivery of communication and peak performance mastery training programs, Colli has earned an outstanding reputation as one of Canada's foremost communications experts for athletes. Colli is dedicated to assisting her clients and audiences to generate change in their lives and careers, and is an in-demand leader specializing in advanced communication.

### **Kelli and Dr. Mark Lemstra**

Meet Kelli Lemstra; a grade 11 student in Saskatoon and team leader for 'The Daily Difference', an app developed BY youth and FOR youth to help cope with the mental, emotional and physical effects of bullying. With the help of a support team consisting of her father, Dr. Mark Lemstra (owner of Alliance Health medical clinics in Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw), other youth, along with a paediatrician, a youth social worker, a family physician, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a dietician, a kinesiologist, two police officers and a teacher, Kelli is able to empower other youth experiencing similar situations to hers.