

Editorial: The Greyness of March and Hopes for the Colours of Spring

I had not planned to write editorials for every issue of the journal when I became editor-in-chief. In future issues, my intention is for the guest editor or me to write the occasional editorial. What changed my mind for this issue, however, was the news of Betty Havens's death. While I certainly knew Betty and held her in tremendous respect, our relationship was mainly professional. In the pages that follow, Marcia Finlayson, Neena Chappell, and Lynn MacDonald – three of our most distinguished colleagues and close friends of Betty – reflect on what her life meant to them and in doing so what she meant to all of us.

Betty's death did, however, remind me that the first generation of Canadian gerontologists who played key roles in founding our association and the development of the *Canadian Journal on Aging* are no longer with us. In Betty's legacy and the legacy of other members of this generation are not only Marcia,

Neena, and Lynn, whom Betty mentored, but a whole second generation of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. They are now the mentors of a third generation of gerontologists, who are represented in this issue of the journal.

A quick examination of the biographies of the first authors of each article shows that three of them have only recently completed their doctoral studies, and one is a doctoral candidate. When we reflect back on the many accomplishments of Betty Havens and her peers and how much we will miss them, we can also look forward to the future of Canadian gerontology in the pages of this issue and the issues to come, as new generations of gerontologists launch their careers.

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