

Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society

Students – Deadline Approaching for Bursary Applications – March 1

The Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society established a charity in 2015 thanks to the generous contribution of Martin Riedemann's sisters Sophie and Myra. Their gift to the cattle industry of BC for "the continuing good health and preservation of the ranching lifestyle and heritage of British Columbia" provided the opportunity for gifts to the society that will continue to assist students and research into the future.

Harold Starr, President of the society said "It is encouraging to receive contributions to the charity that supports these awards, and we are thankful for others who chose to sponsor awards directly." The society directors met with those sponsors recently and expressed appreciation for the ongoing support.

The society is delighted that the Jim Family of Little Fort have supported the Gung Loy Jim scholarships for so long, with the 20th annual scholarships to be awarded in 2023. With the recent loss of their mother, the Jim Family decided to re-name the award the Loy and Marie Jim Scholarship recognizing the legacy of their parents.

Students are reminded that the deadline for all the awards is **March 1, 2023**. We urge all students in the cattle industry community to visit www.riedemannfund.com to access the application forms and submit their applications by the deadline. Any students, in any line of study are welcome to apply.

The Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society administers the bursary program (formerly handled by BCCA). Each year, monies are raised at the Annual General Meeting auction enabling the society to foster post secondary education and give back to ranching communities. The auction and donations support the annual Brigadier W.N. Bostock Memorial Research Grant (\$2,000) as recommended by the BCCA Beef Production and Innovation Committee, and the bursaries:

- The BC Cattlemen's Association Bursaries (six) \$1,500
- The Martin Riedemann Bursary was established in 1975 in honour of Martin Riedemann of Alkali Lake Ranch who passed away in a boating accident at the lake. At the time of his passing, Martin Riedemann was Vice-President of the BC Cattlemen's Association; (two) \$1,500

The following additional awards are administered by the society, and generously funded as indicated:

- The Rob Starr Memorial Bursary is provided by friends and family of Rob Starr, who operated Miocene Simmentals and was a long-time supporter of the 4-H movement and the ranching industry in BC; \$1,500
- Increased this year to \$2,000, the Valene and Wayne

Everett bursary sponsored by the Everett and Robert Pearce families to help further the legacy of Valene and Wayne Everett who ranched in the Thompson River Valley area from 1958-1989 and were innovators to further ranching in BC.

- The Criterion Capital Group, RBC Dominion Securities (Kamloops) funds a bursary in their name; \$1,000
- The Pinantan Pemberton Livestock Association bursary is awarded to an eligible student from School District 73, \$1,000
- The Bostock and Fallis Families' bursary is supported by the Bostock and Fallis Families of Monte Creek Heritage Fund at the BC Interior Community Foundation; (two) \$2,000
- The newly re-named, Loy and Marie Jim Scholarship is funded by the Jim Family of Little Fort, BC in their parents' memory (two) \$2,000

Many thanks to all the volunteers and contributors to the charity. We are looking forward to holding a live auction this year during the BC Cattlemen's Association annual meeting to be held in Vernon, and hope to see again, the usual collection of great items for auction. All the donations of items for the auctions from the cattle industry, all donations of money by the givers, and the service of our volunteer board of directors makes the charity successful in growing to continue to support educational opportunities for the youth in our communities.

The current society directors, Harold Starr (President), Ed Salle (Vice-President), Renee Ardill, Lary Fossum, Judy Guichon, and David Haywood-Farmer, and our retired directors, Ernie Willis, Agnes Jackson and Grant Huffman all deserve a vote of thanks for their contributions. The society can only continue to support the bursary program with the work of these volunteers!

I was fortunate to be a recipient of the Gung Loy Jim Scholarship in 2004. I felt very honoured to be awarded this scholarship as a student from a fellow Hereford breeder. The funds greatly assisted me in helping to fund my post secondary education. This education has provided me the opportunity to expand my learning about business, marketing, agriculture and natural resources so that I could come back to the ranch and use the knowledge from my university education every day on our family ranch.

~ Kari Lynn Hoffman

Newly Named Loy & Marie Jim Scholarship

"The Gung Loy Jim Scholarship" was announced in 2003 to honour the memory of Gung Loy Jim, and in 2022 renamed the "Loy and Marie Jim Scholarship" after the passing of Marie Jim in 2020. Loy and Marie were married in 1956, and had four sons, Kam, Kee, Kym and Kyn. Loy and Marie were exemplary parents, and incredibly hard working people who operated several businesses in the area of Little Fort, BC.

The Jim family immigrated to Canada in 1908, and then moved to Lillooet, BC in 1909 and opened a general store. In 1919, Loy's parents moved to Little Fort and purchased a hotel, opened a general store, and purchased dairy cattle for personal and retail purposes. The store still operates today as Jim's Food Markets (with operations in Little Fort and Clearwater). Loy was born in 1920. Like many born of that time, Loy only completed grade 8 as that was all that was available. Loy's parents recognized the importance of education and sent him to business school in Kamloops after grade school.

The ranching operations grew over time, and in 1943 Loy purchased his first purebred Hereford cattle. Little Fort Herefords was born, and there are still cattle in the herd today that can be traced back to the original purchase. Along with ranching, Loy was involved in several mining ventures and started the Taweel Lake Fishing Company in the 1940s catering to primarily American clients. Loy met Marie in 1956, and together they operated the various businesses. Marie was born in 1932. Her family were of Ukrainian descent and had immigrated to Canada from Romania in 1924 to work on the railroad.

Loy and Marie were strong believers in hard work and facing whatever challenges that came their way with a "never quit" attitude. The Jim family has always admired Loy and Marie for their humility, compassion, work ethic and successes. The Loy and Marie Jim Scholarship was created to honour this legacy.

Gung Loy Jim Scholarship Recipients

2004 Cara-Lee Haughton
2004 Kari Hoffman
2005 Josey Malm
2005 Kerri Lynn Williams
2006 Danielle Sparks
2006 Benjamin Redl
2007 Cassie Clifton
2007 Matt Graham
2008 Jennifer Salokannel
2008 Marla Clifton
2009 Stephen Boehm
2009 Ashley Gill
2010 Jair Gobbett
2010 Elizabeth Anderson
2011 Mariah Williamson
2011 Trenton Squair
2012 Amy Stafford
2012 Emily Smith
2013 Hanna Allen

2013 Jessica Claypool
2014 Joshua Stimpson
2014 Heather Fisher-LeBlanc
2015 Jackson Hooke
2015 Meghan McGillivray
2016 Breann Fischer
2016 Mackenzie Lawrence
2017 Jody Siemens
2017 Allan Stafford
2018 Mason Wadlegger
2018 Sheldon Van Sickle
2019 Adele Fossen
2019 Lauren Bedford
2020 Alexandria Lucking
2020 Amanda McGillivray
2021 Tavish Comrie
2021 Jade Fossen
2022 Alexa Augustine
2022 Hannah Kershaw

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