

2012 DRCSS Hall of Excellence Inductee

Kathleen Birchall

nee McGirr



Mrs. Birchall graduated from United College (now the U of W) in 1941. She is a freelance writer by profession.

Mrs. Birchall is noted for her generous donations and has created the following scholarships:

- **Roger & Kathleen Graham Scholarship.** The Graham Scholarship (founded in 1997) is presented annually to a student who excels in History and English studies at The University of Winnipeg. It has a total endowment value of over \$200,000.

- **AIR COMMODORE LEONARD AND KATHLEEN BIRCHALL SCHOLARSHIP**
This is an entrance scholarship which will be granted to a deserving cadet of the Air Cadet League of Canada entering any community college or university in Canada for post-secondary studies.

- **THE GRAHAM FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**
This scholarship, established by Mrs. Kathleen Birchall and Dr. David Graham is tenable at Memorial University of Newfoundland and will be awarded to an outstanding student majoring in French with preference given to students enrolled in the Honors program.

- **ERNEST AND ELIZABETH MCGIRR AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
This award (endowment value of \$75,000) offers an entrance scholarship to an undergraduate student at the University of Manitoba who has graduated from the DRCSS and has achieved a minimum average of 90% on courses considered for the University of Manitoba General Entrance Scholarship Program.

Education played an important role in Birchall's own life. She first developed a flair for writing as a teenager, when she penned a weekly column for the local Dauphin paper. But it was after graduation from United College that Birchall made a name for herself as a book reviewer for the Globe and Mail and the Regina Leader-Post.

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