

## Salute to Mufty & Bill Mathewson!

# Congratulations on 50 years of Marriage!

## Mufty and Bill

To honour Bill and Mufty Mathewson, who have been stalwart NABIS pillars for over twenty years, the NABIS resource centre has been renamed the **Mathewson Library**.



Dean Easton crafted the fine new library sign.

### A little about Mufty and Bill:

**Bill Mathewson** entered the investment business in 1953 in Montreal, moved to Calgary in 1957 and eventually to Edmonton in 1969. He spent over 40 years in the industry and during 1992 to 1994 was Executive Director of the Edmonton Community Foundation. Bill served over 22 years as a Director of the Clifford E. Lee Foundation. He was a co-founder of the Edmonton Caring Clown Society, for five years served as President of the University of Alberta Parents Association and is presently Treasurer of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Spruce Grove Chapter as well as serving as a Public Director of the Alberta Opticians Association. He is an 18 year active member of the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society, married to Mufty Mathewson, and father of four children, one of whom has a brain injury.

As a Physical and Occupational Therapist, **Mufty Mathewson** has had a life long interest in people



with disabilities. Among many positions she held in Rehabilitation Medicine were; Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta Occupational Therapy Department and Su-

pervisor of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Edmonton General Hospital. She became a photographer in 1978 with her strength being story telling, mainly for social issues. In 1981 she traveled around Canada with a slide show to mark the "Year of Disabled Persons," with *Look Beyond*, the official song of that year. She wrote a *Photography Manual for Adults* and taught photography for twenty-four years at the City of Edmonton and the Cross Cancer Hospital in the Art-in-Medicine program. When her daughter, **Wendy**, sustained a severe brain injury she became aware of the paucity of information about brain injury. She wrote a book called "*Courage after Coma*" which has educated many people about the all-encompassing nature of brain injury. She also photographed the first year of Wendy's recovery and put together a slide show called "Health and Healing in Photography." This has been presented internationally to various audiences over fifteen years. She recently made two Digital Slide Shows to educate the public about Networks Activity Centre, for people with brain injuries. She was president of the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society for four years and on the board for ten, on the board of the Hope Foundation, and on the executive of Images Alberta Camera Club for twenty-three years. Daughter Wendy is a graduate of the Recreation program at the University of Alberta and is greatly aware of the need for recreation in healing. Trips to William Watson Lodge have been highlights in her long struggle for normalcy.

Mufty and Bill have served in many other fundamental roles at NABIS. Both help plan the Breakfast, and Mufty ably serves as emcee year after year. Bill sells countless tickets. Their whole family shares a deep concern about ensuring that community resources are available to those impacted by brain injury. They have committing themselves to NABIS' development and endeavours. NABIS is deeply appreciative of their fine contributions.

