

Hogmanay Thoughts: Marilyn MacNaughton

- 1) I always looked forward to Hogmanay and looking after the entrance. It was a cold spot sometimes but always fun with my long-time partner Norm Savage. I took the money and Norm kept track of the tickets. Together I think we were very fair in determining who was a child, an adult and a family. We were a great team and I will miss him every year.

- 2) We had regular visitors who also looked forward to seeing us at the door. Norm had many friends drop by. I also met several people from other groups I belonged to. All always had a kind word or joke to share.

- 3) One year when a plea went out to the community because we had lost some major funding they came in droves - the keeping room was full, the stairs down to the keeping was full, they were lined up in hall to the front door and the lineup was growing outside.

- 4) You never knew the weather – one year a family skied from home to the event.

- 5) One year a past co -worker of mine arrived with a group of 4. They were dressed in their New Year's finery – gowns and suits. They had started celebrating New Year's the night before and were still going at 1:00 pm New Year's day. They had dropped in because they were looking for something more to do.

- 6) My most favourite part was the bagpipes and drums. Being on the second floor you not only heard the music but felt the music because the floor vibrated. Norm did not like the bagpipes. But one year he and an employee from that year found space at the front door and danced to the pipers.

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