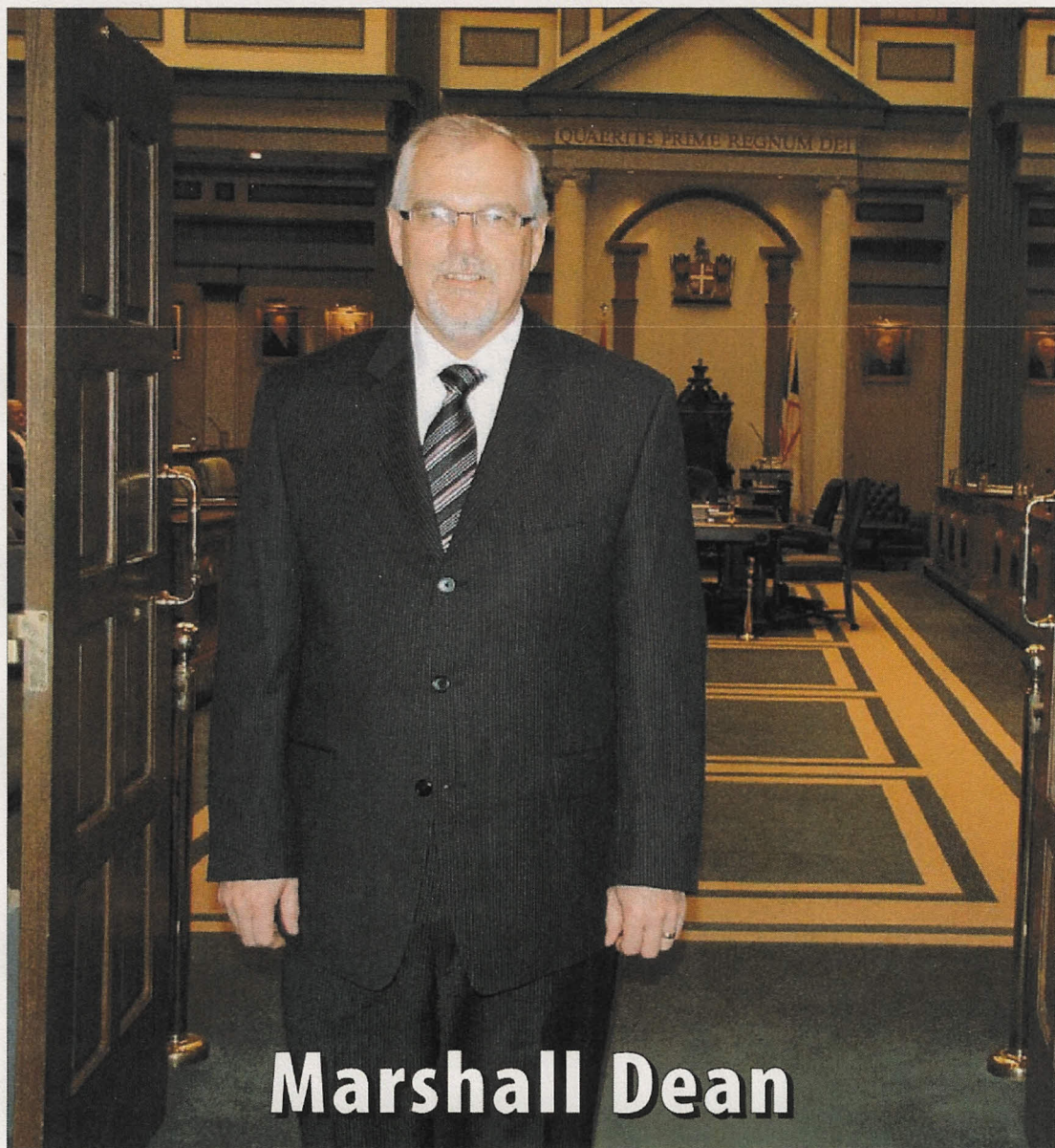


The Weekend Telegram's 20 Questions



Marshall Dean

Marshall Dean is the new MHA for the Straits White-Bay North. — Photo by Dave Bartlett/The Telegram

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On Oct. 27, Marshall Dean won a byelection in the district of The Straits-White Bay North for the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberals.

When the House of Assembly opened just over a month later, Dean took his seat on the right-hand side of the Speaker of the House, between his Liberal colleague

Roland Butler and NDP Leader Lorraine Michael.

Before running for office, Dean owned an ice-berg water bottling company in St. Anthony.

He is also a former Salvation Army minister and a former manager for a group of car dealerships on the province's west coast.

Dean is currently the Liberal critic for education; fisheries and aquaculture; innovation, trade and rural development; and municipal affairs.

And he's the Liberal caucus whip.

Dean says he remembers the harsh conditions on the Northern Peninsula when he was growing up.

He remembers the prosperity of St. Anthony and how the Wilfred Grenfell organization meant you could get just about anything you could in St. John's in that town in the 1960s.

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What is your full name?
Marshall Garland Dean.

Where and when were you born?
In St. Anthony, in April 1956.

Where is home today?
St. Anthony. I wasn't there all my life. I moved away when I was 14 and relocated with my parents and lived in a few places around the province.

Do you have a favourite food?
I enjoy a steak.

Do you have a favourite year of your life?
In 1993 I was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer, and that was a pretty big moment for me and a great milestone for me.

What are some CDs in your music collection?
I have a lot of gospel music. Johnny Reed, Aus-

tralian Hillside. I like the Eagles and I like a little bit of Creedence (Clearwater Revival).

What's your greatest indulgence?
Probably chocolate bars.

What's your favourite movie?
Clint Eastwood's "Dirty Harry."

Who would play you in a movie about your life?
I'd hope it would be Tom Cruise.

What do you do when you're not working?
I enjoy doing woodwork. I'll build a set of kitchen cabinets for someone. Most of it's for someone else. I enjoy doing minor renovations. I enjoy reading.

What's your greatest regret?
When I resigned from the (Salvation Army) ministry.

What bugs you?
I'm a little bit of a perfectionist. I don't like things that aren't followed through on and I don't like untidiness.

Do you have a favourite vacation spot?
I enjoy California. I visited San Francisco, Half-moon Bay a few years ago. It was one of the nicest places I've been.

What are your best and worst qualities?
My best, I'm an honest person, I'm a good organizer. My worst is probably my impatience, more with process than with people.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
I'd probably throw a little bit more hair on top of my head if I could.

Who inspires you?
I'm inspired by our leader, Yvonne Jones. I like

her energy, I like her commitment to this province. People who work hard inspire me.

Do you have a most treasured possession?
The tools which belonged to my father.

Who would you most like to be stuck in an elevator with?
If I was going to be stuck in an elevator I would most like to be with my son. We could get through that together.

Who's one person, alive or dead, that you'd like to have lunch with?
My father.

What are you reading right now?
John Maxwell, "The Power of Positive Attitude."

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