

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

October 2024



Don't be afraid to say no

Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics. If a telemarketer tries to get you to buy something or send them money right away:

- Request the information in writing.
- Hang up.

Do your research

Always verify that the organization you're dealing with is legitimate before you take any other action:

- Look online for contact information from the company that supposedly called you, and call them to confirm.
- Verify any calls with your credit card company by phoning the number on the back of your credit card.

Don't give out personal information

Beware of unsolicited calls where the caller asks you for your personal information, such as:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your birthdate
- Your social insurance number (SIN)
- Your credit card or banking information

If you didn't initiate the call, you don't know who you are talking to.

Beware of upfront fees

Many scams request you to pay fees in advance of receiving goods, services or prizes. It is illegal for a company to ask you to pay a fee upfront before they will give you a loan.

There is no prize fee or taxes in Canada. If you won, it's free.

Government bodies WILL NEVER

- Threaten deportation or arrests of family members for non-payment.
- Demand immediate payment of taxes, fines over the phone via e-mail or through social media.
- Accept Bitcoin, gift cards, email or money transfers as a valid form of payment.
- Police will not take payment for bail over the phone.

Protect your computer

- Watch out for urgent-looking messages that pop up while you are browsing online. Do not click on them or call the number they provide.
- No legitimate company will call and claim your computer is infected with a virus.
- Never give anyone remote access to your computer. If you are having problems with your system, take it into a local computer tech.

Recognizing Spoofing

Spoofing is used by fraudsters to mislead victims and convince them that they are communicating with legitimate people, companies, or organizations.

Caller ID Spoofing

Fraudsters have the ability to manipulate the phone number appearing on call displays. Fraudsters can display legitimate phone numbers for law enforcement, financial institutions and government agencies. If it doesn't seem right, hang up and call the company back directly.

Email Spoofing

Similar to Caller ID, fraudsters can manipulate the sender's email address in order to make the email you are receiving look like it is from a legitimate source. Do not send money or gift cards!

Beware of online dating

If you have never met your online interest in person, **NEVER** send them gift cards or money of any kind. If someone you are talking to online starts asking for financial support for any reason its more than likely a fraudster.

Strathmore Elks



The Strathmore Elks conducted another successful fundraising campaign, sponsoring the Strathmore Oilmen's golf tournament in June. A full slate of golfers were treated to a delicious meal of BBQ pork on a bun; prepared by the Elks prior to teeing off. Donations totalling \$4,500 were presented to the Busy Bee Preschool, Cystic Fibrosis Canada and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program.

Okotoks Elks



Okotoks Elks President Dave Milos presented \$3000 to the Big Rock Parent Council School for the purchase of the "Reflex" program designed for all their students to develop their math skills in four areas. They work independently at school and home and track their progress with this app. Teachers witnessed the development of confidence in so many students.

Breton Elks



A request for financial assistance was received from Brayden Kreil, who has been accepted into the Junior World Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas in December of 2024. Motion was presented and passed to donate \$500.00 to this event. Good Luck Brayden.

100 Years



Brother Vern Thuroo from the Alberta Elks Association Executive presented a plaque to Wetaskiwin's Exalted Ruler, Eldon Dumkee, in celebration of their 100th Anniversary.



Barrhead Elks



Barrhead Elks got to present Mrs. Jeanne Kowalski from the Barrhead and district senior citizens society with a cheque for \$3000.00 towards their kitchen upgrades. It feels so good to be able to give to our valued seniors in the Barrhead community

New Member Alert



Welcoming Two NEW Members to the Trenville Royal Purple Elks #248

1. Connie Fossen - A newcomer to the area. Welcome, Connie!
 2. Marilyn Rich - Raised on a local farm, now residing in Lacombe, has returned to volunteer.
- Also featured in the photo are Honourable Royal Lady Loretta Fraser and Conductress Roxy Ogilvie.

Breton Elks



Lynda Petten, Alberta Elks Foundation and Ann McKellar-Gillis, Breton Elks presenting \$2,000 to the Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee

Okotoks Elks



Okotoks Elks gave away another \$1000 scholarship to Molly Penn for her essay on volunteering and how it benefits the community



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Alberta Elks & Royal Purple Elks Lodges:

As we bid farewell to summer, the Foundation is gearing up for another year. The float & Charlie were very busy this summer with 8 lodges that submitted requests and Charlie visited 2 lodges on his own.

In June, the Foundation held the Annual General Meeting in Camrose. There was a bigger crowd this year than in past years with just over 100 attendees. Foundation AGM Minutes were emailed to all lodges at the end of June. If you didn't receive a copy and would like one, please contact the Foundation and it can be emailed, or a hard copy mailed.

The 2024/2025 Foundation Board of Trustees were elected at the June 2024 conference, the board consists of the following members:

- **Chair – Bill Ward (Didsbury Elks)**
- **Vice Chair – Al Gummesen (Fort Saskatchewan Elks)**
- **Trustee – Darren Scott (Breton Elks)**
- **Trustee – Vanessa Grant (Whitehorse Elks)**
- **Trustee – Gerard Hermary (Red Deer Elks)**
- **Association 1st Vice President – Terry Reid (Carstairs Elks)**
- **Secretary/Treasurer – Joanne Siemens (Edmonton Elks)**

To obtain a contact list, please visit the website: www.elksfalberta.ca then Alberta Elks Foundation/Contact.

**Regards,
Joanne Siemens
Secretary/Treasurer**

WIND UP OF RAFFLE #55 AND PROGRESS WITH RAFFLE#56

Hi everyone.

Here is the final report for Raffle #55. We wanted to send this out as many of you are not able to attend the Conference where I give my final report. At this time, I am waiting for 1 cheque to be deposited and then I will be able to forward the final cheque to the Foundation. The final net proceeds this year will be very close to \$31478.00; any difference will be subject to the final interest payment in October. This amount is a 96% sell through compared to \$27544.18 & 91.96% for Raffle 54. A nice increase which I hope we can improve on with Raffle #56. If we keep the number of lost books to zero that will improve our sell through quite a bit.

Tickets for Raffle #56 have all been sent out and I have already had lodges come back for more. I have sent out emails informing you when your tickets were sent and asking you to notify me when you have them. Some lodges have done this, but I am still waiting for about 40 lodges to respond. Please let me know if you have received your shipment and send me the lodge raffle chair info sheet. The earlier I know that a shipment is missing the faster we can put a trace on it. Your lodge chair information is very important so that I am contacting the right person going forward with this raffle. Thank you to all of those who have responded to my request.

Wouldn't it be great to have all the tickets sold by the early bird draws in March?

Raffle Chair
Margo Ward



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ISTAR Donations

There have been many questions on who and where to send ISTAR donations by lodges. There are 2 ways a lodge can donate to ISTAR:

Direct Donation to ISTAR

- Make your cheque payable to – ISTAR U of A
- Mail the cheque directly to ISTAR:

ISTAR
8205 – 114 Street, 3-48 Corbett Hall
Edmonton, AB T6G 2G4

Donation to Foundation for ISTAR

- Make your cheque payable to – Alberta Elks Foundation
 - In the memo area mark it as ISTAR
- Mail your cheque to the Foundation
- Foundation will deposit your cheque and then forward another cheque to ISTAR with the funds.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Foundation.

Regards,
Joanne Siemens
Secretary/Treasurer

Walk for Children



The final amount raised for the 2024 Elks and Royal Purple Walk for Children is in! This year, we gathered an impressive \$23,801.03, with 100 walkers taking part in the event!

Gowns4Grads

Free suites, dresses, shoes, and accessories
for all 2025 graduates!

2024-2025



Upcoming Events:

Elnora

September 21st and 22nd

Linden

October 26th and 27th

Stettler

December 7th and 8th

Red Deer

February 18th, 19th &
20th

Wainwright

Dates to be determined

To make clothing donations
or volunteer your time,
please contact us! Call
Louise at 403-357-8292



ELKS OF
CANADA
EST. 1912

This event is hosted by the Trenville Royal Purple Elks, Lodge# 248



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FOUNDATION SECRETARY TREASURER

Under Bylaw 12.4.1 Officers & Directors:

The Board of Trustees, at its first meeting, shall appoint the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer annually. The term of office of the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer shall not exceed a maximum of five consecutive years. Notwithstanding the maximum five-year restriction, the Board of Trustees shall maintain the authority to appoint a Foundation Secretary-Treasurer for a one-year term.

Our current Secretary/Treasurer has entered into her 5th year with the Foundation; therefore, we must seek out a replacement.

This position would take place in June 2025, at the Annual General Meeting.

The position duties would include:

- Knowledge of how to use a computer/program – outlook, Zoom
- Taking minutes at meetings & Annual General Meeting
- Using email for mailouts of Foundation information
- Online banking knowledge
- Financials
 - Working with budgets
 - Deposits
 - Receipts
 - Audits
- Float Coordination
- Preparing materials for AGM
- Field inquiries for grants and assist lodges in making applications. Forward applications/materials to Trustees for review.
- Assist Raffle Chair with distribution of information
- Arrange monthly meetings of the board and disseminate information
- Storage space for raffle materials, Tabs for Tots boxes, Foundation files

A full description of duties can be found in the Foundation Regulations Appendix B.

Please submit your resume or letter of interest in the position by email or mail to:

Alberta Elks Foundation
Chair, Bill Ward
15 Ekota Cres NW
Edmonton, AB T6K 2J6

Email: albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com



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Casino Volunteers Needed!

The Foundation needs volunteers for our upcoming casino. The funds received from a casino are what supports our grants that can be provided to lodges. Without these funds, the Foundation grants would not exist.

The next casino is:

February 14 & 15, 2025 (Friday & Saturday)
Deerfoot Inn Casino
1000, 11500 – 35 Street SE
Calgary, AB T2Z 3W4

Positions needed: (Six (6) volunteers for each shift per day)

Day Shift 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

One (1) General Manager
One (1) Banker
Two (2) Cashiers
Two (2) Chip Runners

Night Shift 6:45 pm – 3:30 am

One (1) General Manager
One (1) Banker
Two (2) Cashiers
Two (2) Chip Runners

Count Room 11:15 pm – 3:30 am

One (1) Supervisor
Five (5) Others – sorters, counter, recorder, amalgamator

It would be appreciated if you could volunteer for both days in the same position.

Accommodations will be provided by the Foundation for out-of-town volunteers. Meals are also covered while working the casino.

If you would like to volunteer for the casino, **please respond to Darren Scott, Casino Chair by email at wades@telus.net or by phone at 780-696-3800 or 780-898-6599 and indicate the following:**

- Day and time available
- Position
- Accommodations needed – yes or no.

A volunteer form will be sent to you as each volunteer is required to complete it and must be returned ASAP.

Regards,

Joanne Siemens
Secretary/Treasurer
Alberta Elks Foundation



Strathmore Elks

This past summer, the Strathmore Elks donated a total of \$6,000 to the Strathmore, Chestermere and Veterans Association food banks and a total of \$4,000 to various local charities in support of the community.



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Elks of Canada National Curling CHAMPIONSHIPS

HANNA, ALBERTA
DECEMBER 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 2024

- 4 Game Guarantee
- Saturday Night Meal & Entertainment
- Silent Auction
- Awards
- 8 End Games



\$250 Per Team - Deadline Nov. 15

For more information or to register contact:
vernthuroo@yahoo.ca

Elks of Canada National Curling

Hotel Rooms

Canalta: Single and Double Rooms: \$169.00 plus tax
Continental breakfast available
Phone 403 854-2400
113 Palliser Trail

Canada Grey Motor Inn: Single and Double \$110.00 plus tax. Restaurant and lounge.
Phone 403 854-4471
616 2 Ave W
Get your rooms reserved asap

Skips meeting on Dec 4 at the Canada Grey meeting room at 7pm

Extra Banquet tickets will be \$30

Cheques made out Hanna Elks #451
Email to vernthuroo@yahoo.ca
Need to know what division team is entering: Mens, Seniors, Masters, Ladies, Mixed

Send all the players names when entering

December 5 will be our opening ceremony at 11am.

For more information or to register contact:
vernthuroo@yahoo.ca

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2024

PROVINCIAL DARTS TOURNAMENT



26 OCTOBER

TBD-FORT SASKATCHEWAN, AB

**\$30
FEE**

RSVP BY SEPT 25TH:
MANNING_ALICIA@HOTMAIL.COM

We Invite You To Attend


CAMROSE Elks

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us to celebrate 100 years of volunteering and serving our community.

October 19, 2024

Camrose Elks Lodge
Cocktails 5pm
Dinner 6pm
\$60 per ticket
Live Entertainment



**FEATURING
MARTINA DAWN**

For tickets for more information please contact:
Jason 780-335-1354
Camrose.elks@gmail.com



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