

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

September 2024



President's Message

Dear Members,

As we embark on this exciting new chapter with the Alberta Elks Association, I am thrilled to welcome each of you to a term full of promise and potential. Our shared history of dedication to our communities has been the cornerstone of our success, and now, we stand at a pivotal moment to elevate our impact and embrace the opportunities ahead.

This year's theme, "Invest in Us," is not just a slogan; it's a bold call to action. It underscores the importance of each of us—our members, volunteers, and leaders—as the heartbeat of our organization. The non-profit sector, including our own association, is crucial for the well-being, health, and economic stability of society. We provide essential goods and services to Canadians, and our work is more vital than ever.

At a time when our communities are evolving and our membership faces new challenges, investing in us means empowering one another, nurturing our talents, and harnessing our collective strengths to forge a brighter future. I encourage each of you to reflect on what truly drives

you in this work. What brings you joy and fulfillment? Let's focus on these aspects, as they are the keys to sustaining our passion and commitment.

Building genuine relationships within our lodges is another cornerstone of our success. Studies show that having friends increases overall happiness. So, let's be intentional about developing these connections, even when time is limited. Leading by example is a powerful way to motivate and inspire others.

As your representatives, we are fully committed to fueling this momentum. We are here to support you in every way possible—whether it's by sparking new ideas, offering guidance, or driving collaborative efforts across our lodges. Together, we will invest in innovation, foster a renewed sense of purpose, and ensure that our organization continues to thrive.

Let's seize this moment with energy and optimism. The future of the Alberta Elks Association is ours to shape, and by investing in each other, we will continue to create lasting, positive change in our communities.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication. I'm excited to work alongside you all as we journey towards a year of growth, unity, and success.

Fraternally,
Meghan Pollard
President Alberta Elks Association

President Lodge Visits

SEPTEMBER

4 Bashaw No. 175	7:00 PM
5 Vegreville No. 143	7:30 PM
9 Valleyview No. 321	8:00 PM
9 Valleyview Royal Purple Elks No. 142	8:00 PM
16 St. Paul No. 465	8:00 PM
17 Barrhead No. 332	7:00 PM
18 Dawson Creek No. 289	2:00 PM
25 Lac La Biche No. 470	8:00 PM

OCTOBER

2 Beaverlodge No. 249	7:30 PM
3 Grande Prairie No. 285	8:30 PM
7 Acme Royal Purple Elks No. 103	7:30 PM
22 Wainwright No. 22	8:00 PM
29 Acme No. 216	7:30 PM

Drayton Valley Elks



The Drayton Valley Elks # 391 presenting a \$1000 cheque to the Drayton Valley Junior Lifeguard's who qualified to go to the World Championships in Australia.

Left to right: Lilly Mayhew (Leading Knight) Acadia Musiyowski, Desiree Jansen (coach) Wyatt Webb, Ethel Mankow (Exalted Ruler).

Red Deer Elks



Red Deer Elks contributed \$1000.00 to Kimberly Salmon, Unit Manager for Children's Mental Health this summer. Additionally, they made a generous donation to Amit Mays, Unit Manager for the Red Deer Pediatrics/NICU Unit. In a photo taken outside the ELKS Wall at the NICU unit, Garren Battle, Amie Mays, Colin Tattersell, and Nick Henger are shown from left to right.

Dawson Creek Elks



In July the Dawson Creek Elks #289 presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 for a bursary to Eyra Pasia. Pictured is members Patricia Hunter, Shirley Brown, recipient Eyra Pasia as well as member Clara Ryan.

Memorial Bench



The Ian Sunquist memorial bench was recently placed in Staveley this summer. It was acquired in memory of Brother Ian by the Alberta Elks Association, recognizing his position as the 1st Vice President at the time of his passing. Grateful thanks to the Staveley community for arranging the installation of the bench on our behalf.



Dawson Creek Elks



In June the Dawson Creek Elks #289 presented two graduate students with a \$1,000 bursary award each. Presenting was Rachel Burnett on behalf of the Elks to Isabel Rausse and Sebastian Marion. Congratulations to these two recipients and we wish them all the best

Foundation Raffle



The Alberta Elks Foundation 3rd place winner Carlotta Weerstra of Brooks was presented her cheque for \$10,000.00 by our newly minted Exalted Ruler of Brooks Elks Lodge 77 Brother Coltan Bosman

Fernie Elks



Many thanks to the Alberta Elks Foundation for matching the Fernie Elks Grant of \$750 towards the Ghost Rider Adventure Camp. Our recipient was thrilled to be given a cheque of \$1500.00 which will cover the cost of two "at risk" children to attend the camp this coming summer !

The attached photo shows past Exalted Ruler Mario Rocca making the donation to camp director Kat Robinson

Alberta Elks Foundation

RAFFLE #55 WINNERS

Final Draw June 20, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

1st Prize \$30,000.00

Angela Elle

Winning Ticket #38850 sold by Medicine Hat Elks

2nd Prize \$10,000.00

Brenda Sproule

Winning Ticket #60963 sold by Strathmore Elks

3rd Prize \$5,000.00

Carlotta Weerstra

Winning Ticket #77448 purchased Online

Thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle.



elksfalberta.ca



elks.secretary@abelks.org

Vulcan Elks



The VULCAN ELKS donated \$2,000 from the Alberta Elks Foundation to the VULCAN AG SOCIETY. This completed our commitment of \$12,000 to the set of bleachers for the new rodeo grounds. "ELKS PROUD"

Bassano Elks



The newly installed lodge executive of the Bassano Elks Lodge, were diligently cleaning and putting the final touches on the hall before the meeting, all dressed in their work clothes. This event officially signifies the relaunch of the lodge in Bassano.

Heisler Elks



Heisler Elk's Club Member Mickey Heisler presenting a cheque for \$500 to Area 53 Raceway Secretary Myron Felzien.

Heisler Elk's also donated \$500 to Doug Brown President of the Forestburg Mud Bog Association.

Chauvin Elks



Thank you to the Chauvin Elks for always stepping up and supporting their community!

Picture from left to right- Bryan Skinner Chauvin Elks #261 Secretary, Greg Turner (Haldenby) Hearing Aid recipient and Daryn Haldenby.

Presenting the \$2000.00 cheque to the Haldenbys for the purchase of hearing aids. Thanks to the Alberta Elks for the generous donation.



elksfalberta.ca



elks.secretary@abelks.org

Stavely Elks



THANK YOU to all who attended the Stavely Elks Golf tournament. Perfect weather, some amazing shots and great company!!

JACK KITCHEN & RANDALL HALL put on an excellent event! Well done and THANK YOU!!

Barrhead Elks



Peter and John from the Barrhead Elks presented Alana Breikreitz from Neerlandia Christian Education Society a cheque for \$6000.00

We are so proud to be able to help them with their accessible playground project.

Vulcan Elks



Check out the Vulcan Elks soap box derby car!

Sexsmith Elks



Sexsmith Elks were pleased to do one of our work bees at Emerson trail cemetery last night. Headstones leveled and sunken graves elevated.

We are proud to honor the remembrance of our passed community member

Elk Point Elks



Another term has passed, marking our final meeting of the fiscal year on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, after almost 65 years of community service in Elk Point. The positive energy was palpable with around 20 members in attendance, along with a visiting guest. The meeting was productive as we collectively decided to endorse numerous events and projects.

Donations made in the community:

- F. G. Miller Jr/Sr High School: \$1,000.00 for a new dishwasher
- Santa's Anonymous: \$250.00
- Elk Point & District Lion's Club: \$250.00
- A. G. Ross Arena: \$300.00 for updates to hot water supply and lighting
- Elk Point Long Term Care: \$1,000.00 for an ice-water unit
- AB Elks Foundation Walk for Children: \$250.00
- Elks Foundation: \$500.00
- 2nd Chance Trail Ride: \$820, with security provided by the Elks
- Elk Point Emergency Services: \$1,000.00
- Elks Family Scholarship for Zane Cribbins: \$1,000.00
- Haying in the 30s: \$1,000.00
- Youth Unlimited (Garage Project): \$1,000.00
- Elk Point Helping Hands: \$200.00

Project to expand yard outside the Elks Hall: \$3,000.00 for increased child care capacity.

Wetaskiwin Elks



The Wetaskiwin Elks Lodge #91 makes a donation of \$1000.00 to Salvation Army Food Bank as well as \$30,000.00 letter of intent for the Wetaskiwin Spray Park. These latest donations are in recognition of the Wetaskiwin Elks 100 years anniversary. The Wetaskiwin Elks Lodge #91 was chartered June 26, 1924 and turned 100 years old on June 26, 1924. Over its long history, the lodge has donated to and supported many causes in Wetaskiwin and Alberta.

The Lodge is celebrating their anniversary in the fall.

▶ FORT SASKATCHEWAN ELKS ◀

2024

PROVINCIAL DARTS TOURNAMENT

26 OCTOBER | **\$30 FEE**
TBD-FORT SASKATCHEWAN, AB

RSVP BY SEPT 25TH:
MANNING_ALICIA@HOTMAIL.COM

OLDS ELKS LODGE

IS CELEBRATING
A CENTURY IN OLDS

SATURDAY OCT 5, 2024

Join us at The Olds Legion
1241 46 Street Olds, AB

\$50 PER PERSON

• COCKTAILS AT 5PM
• DINNER TO FOLLOW

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
KAREN SMITH
403-526-7331
OR MESSAGE THE OLD ELKS ON FACEBOOK

Live Entertainment by:
The Plaiders



elksfalberta.ca



elks.secretary@abelks.org

Summer Parades



elksfalberta.ca



elks.secretary@abelks.org