

Regional Executive
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A.C.T./UCT Regional Newsletter

Spring 2023- 2024



Welcome to Spring Edition

Hello, and welcome to Spring. Even though the calendar is saying it is spring, most of the country is still in the end stages of winter, but we know that warmer weather will soon be upon us. The Calgary weatherman keeps telling us that March is the snowiest month of the year. Not sure about that, but I am sure that everyone is ready for winter to end. Before we know it, we will be gathering for our Regional Convention in Red Deer in May. Let's promote this convention to our local councils and get a great turnout for our next convention!

President's Spring Message

I will say Welcome Spring to all, but it certainly does not look like it. Old Man Winter is not giving up his grip easily. Across the country we are being pummeled by the late winter storms. Hopefully March will go out like a lamb, and we can shed our heavy winter attire and put our shovels and snowblowers away. My golf clubs are calling me from their storage area.

Our Regional Convention is fast approaching. It is an in-person event. Everyone who has attended an in-person convention in past will attest to the fact that the opportunity to socialize and share ideas with member from across the region rejuvenates the passion we have for our organization. I would encourage all councils to send representatives. This is a great opportunity to have younger members attend so they can see

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Connie Zwarich

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how we operate and the good things we accomplish. Our future depends on welcoming younger members. They will be our future leaders.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter season. Stay safe and health. I look forward to seeing all of you in Red Deer.

Connie Zwarich
Regional President

Activities

Here are just some of the highlights that have gone on within the Regional Councils:



Viviane LAPOINTE
MP (Députée Sudbury)

Le grand événement
du Québec

Doug Honeyford PRP with his Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award. Which he received in recognition of all the volunteer work he does.



Medicine Hat Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Ed Moss, a longtime member and volunteer since 1974.



Medicine Hat's Charitable donation the Medicine Hat Big League High School Baseball for \$1750

Useful Websites to Check Out

www.uct.org
international's website

www.actuct.com
Regional's website

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Facebook – for suggestions to the site or to add information to the Facebook site e-mail Tony at uctregional@gmail.com



Pin Awards to long standing members of the ACT/UCT St.Albert 1024 Council. **Earl Rand (35) Years, Gerry Folwark (45) Years.**



ACT Calgary Council #1014 Bill Evans a 70 Year member Turned 102 Years old.



Calgary Council #1014 President Bud Gallo Presenting a cheque to Mellisa Watamanuk a cheque for \$2000 To the Calgary Hospice.

Subury Council #1051 Ham sales



Inner City Home Ham Donation



Elgin Street Mission Ham Donation

This is us truly Making a Difference Together!

UCT Thunder Bay 1039 presented \$4000.00 each to Precious Bundles and The Boys & Girls club of Thunder Bay and to the Dew Drop Inn. Pictured L-R are UCT Vice-president Janet Huber, President Bill Dann, Precious Bundles board President Allyson Veneziano Boys & Girls club Exec-Director Albert Aiello, Dew Drop Inn Rep. Michael Quibell & Julio Chiodo and UCT Thunder Bay 1039 Second-vice Heather Lundmark.



Membership

This year we are putting a strong focus on membership. Many Councils are seeing a drop in their membership.

Many years ago, there were 5000 members. In January 2020 we had 1479 members. We are seeing approximately a 10% drop in membership per year. We need to keep A.C.T./UCT alive and viable, therefore, it is **very important** that you renew your membership when the renewal arrives. There are a few options for payment. You can send a cheque to Joyce at our Canadian office in Calgary. Unfortunately, we can no longer call Joyce with our credit card number. Joyce does accept e-transfer payments for fraternal membership renewals. When making your e-transfer payment, make sure you include your policy number in the email to jpierre@uct.org. As well when setting up your security question, make sure you include the answer in the email or contact Joyce with the answer. It is also as important to sign up new members. It would be nice to have some of the younger generation come into our Councils. Young blood and new ideas could revitalize us. Invite family and friends to attend your meetings. Promote our benefits. With Covid restrictions easing people are starting to travel. Our travel benefits and travel insurance can be enticing. Don't forget to tell people about the scholarships available.

We also need to get out and promote ourselves and the good works that we do. Do photo ops of cheque presentations or activities and post them on your Facebook page, send it to your local newspaper, wear your logo wear.

Let's all do our part and strive to sign up new members and become more visible in our communities.

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Joyce works Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

2023 Regional Conference

Our Regional Convention will be an in-person event. Kudos go out to both Red Deer 1021 & Sudbury 1051 for stepping up and organizing this event. They faced many challenges organizing this conference but managed to put it all together. We look forward to seeing all our great members in attendance.

Humour

**“SPRING WILL COME AND SO WILL HAPPINESS.
HOLD ON. LIFE WILL GET WARMER”**

Please send your pictures and submissions in a word or jpeg format to the Newsletter chairperson Rose Scarrow at rscarrow@outlook.com

