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THE REGIONAL NEWS



Messages from the Executive Board

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The presence of "United Commercial Travelers" in our organization's name has presented challenges concerning our membership, as it does not accurately reflect our identity. With the closure of the Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America, we have chosen not to join up with United Commercial Travelers of North America. We find ourselves at a critical juncture in the history of our organization that may necessitate a re-evaluation of our branding.

It is essential to consider whether we should remove "Commercial Travelers" from our **Regional** identification. Since we are no longer affiliated with United Commercial Travelers and the majority of our members do not identify as Commercial Travelers, this change may be warranted. One potential approach would involve maintaining the acronym "UCT" in our logo. While still preserving the "A.C.T." component. Alternatively, we might consider eliminating "UCT" entirely at the **Regional** level and exclusively adopting "A.C.T." However, it is important to note that this would incur costs associated with rebranding, particularly since we currently have inventory featuring both "A.C.T." and "UCT."

Historically, the "A.C.T." logo has been a key aspect of our **Regional** identity. The forthcoming May Regional Zoom Conference will serve as a crucial platform to discuss these potential changes and to determine whether our membership will support such modifications. I invite you to review this matter and share your perspectives before the meeting, as we anticipate a range of questions and concerns will arise.

Fraternally,
Chris Phelan PIP/PRP
A.C.T Regional President

MEMBERS' OPINIONS

As we move forward and transition from our identity as United Commercial Travelers, we are seeking the creative input and valuable opinions of our membership regarding a new tagline. We are considering whether a tagline is necessary and, if so, what it should represent. Some initial examples for your consideration include:

- Uniting Canadians Together: Emphasizing our commitment to fostering unity and collaboration among Canadians from all walks of life.
- Assisting Canadians Together: Highlighting our dedication to providing support and assistance to Canadians, ensuring that we thrive collectively.
- All Canadians Together: Reflecting our inclusive approach, welcoming every Canadian into our community with open arms.

We are eager to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please bring your ideas to the upcoming Regional Convention in May, where this topic will be a key point of discussion.

Welcome to New Members and Celebrating Achievements

Hello Everyone,

I would first like to welcome all new members to our ACT / UCT Club. We are very grateful that you have joined us. Together, we are uniting communities together, which is a great feeling and impacts the communities we live in.

We have 525 paid-up members at present and 22 new members since April 2024.

Congratulations to the following clubs for acquiring new members:

- Kelowna West 1 New Member
- Calgary 1014: 2 New members
- Calgary N.1015: 5 New members
- Edmonton S. 1017: 2 New members
- Grande Prairie 1018: 5 New members
- Medicine Hat 1020: 3 New members
- Sherwood Park 1022: 1 New Member
- St. Albert 1024: 1 New Member
- Sudbury 1051: 2 New members

YOU all did an awesome job. We know it is hard to find people to join with everyone being so busy. Hopefully, we can grow the numbers in the future.

Cathy Nevala

A.C.T. Membership and Retention.

REGIONAL SECRETARY MESSAGE

As we look ahead to 2025, let us carry forward this spirit of success and community engagement. There is still much work to be done, and countless opportunities to make a difference await us. Let's strive for further growth within our councils, expanding our reach and deepening our impact. Together, we can continue to build on the foundation of this year's achievements, setting even higher goals and surpassing them with the same fervor and determination. We ask that all members please take a moment to check out the new, updated regional website at www.actuct.com.

Anthony Rumsey PRP
A.C.T Regional Secretary

UPCOMING EVENT:

The 32nd Annual Regional Convention will occur virtually via Zoom on May 24th, 2025. This convention is an excellent opportunity for members to engage with each other, share insights, and participate in meaningful discussions about the future of our Region. If you wish to attend this significant event, please request a registration form from your local secretary or the regional website at www.actuct.com. We look forward to your participation and making this convention a memorable and impactful experience.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

President Chris Phelan PIP/PRP welcomes your comments and feedback on matters that are important to you for the future of our Region. We have many projects lined up for this year and we would encourage members to volunteer for these great opportunities. You can email Chris at phelanchris112@gmail.com with your questions or concerns.



REGIONAL 31 COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Bud Gallo, President of Calgary Council 1014 presented a cheque for \$3000 to Britany and Kaya from Providence Child Development Society.



"UCT 1039 has manned a Salvation Army Kettle for many years now, and every Christmas, we are happy to assist as they break their goal of more than \$300,000.00."



Keith Sandmaier Presenting the Royal Canadian Legion in Fort Saskatchewan with a donation.



Keith Sandmaier Presenting a donation to the Little Warriors Ranch



Moose Jaw Council 1027 Donating \$1500 to Moose Jaws Family Services Food programs.





Kelowna West 1003
Presenting a cheque for \$425.00 to Kane Blake
– Okanogan Forest Task Force
L-R – President-Rick Warner, Penny Preston-
Social director, & Susan Warner- 1003
Secretary.



This year on the Salvation Army Kettle
drive we collected \$830.40 for the day
and with the money match they
received \$1,660.80 on behalf of the
Kelowna West Club #1003 L-R
Marilyn Miller, Terry Dowler



Calgary North Council 1015 Wendy
Sulzle presenting a Scholarship Cheque
for \$1,000



Calgary North Council 1015 Debby Weiss and
Murray Wedhorn presenting a cheque for
\$5,000 to Calgary Food Bank



Calgary Council presenting a cheque for
\$15,000 to Brown Bagging For Calgary
Kids in Calgary



Calgary council 1015
presenting a cheque
for \$10,000 to the
Veterans Food Banks.



Calgary North Council 1015 donates \$4,000 to T+T Trampoline Club



Moose Jaw Speedskating \$1000 to go towards a new mat for the rink Protection that is required and in need of replacement.



Medicine Hat 1020 Donating \$1,750 to Big League Baseball League of Medicine Hat.



Medicine Hat 1020 having fun at their Saturday meet draws in Medicine Hat.



KELOWNA WEST COUNCIL #1003



Kelowna West #1003
Donating \$1000 to BC Cancer Foundation
 L-R Pres. Rick Warner, Sheila Falk, Kate DeKruif,
 Development Coordinator BC Cancer, Vice-Pres.
 John Grant, Phylis Mintrm, & Susan Warner



Kelowna West #1003
Donating \$1000 to the KGH Foundation
 L-R Phylis Mintram, Susan Warner Sec, Rick Warner Pres., Carly
 Malchuk, BBA Director Brand Experience KGH
 John Grant Vice-Pres., & Sheila Falk Charity Chairperson.



**Kelowna West #1003 President Rick Warner & Penny
 Pearston (R) – Social Director presenting a \$1000 cheque to
 Deb MacDonald (L) – Human Resources Advisor of
 Kelowna Women's Shelter**



**President Rick Warner Presenting a cheque for
 \$1000 to Nancy Tordiffe – Director of the
 Women's Community Harmony House in
 Kelowna**



Donation of \$2000 to the Salvation Army
 L-R John Grant VP, Susan Warner Secretary
 Angela Stadnyk – Volunteer Coordinator
 & Rick Warner – President of ACT/UCT Kelowna West 1003

“CONGRATULATIONS”

**ACT/UCT KELOWNA WEST
 #1003**

Some of the Donation that were made in

2024



EDMONTON COUNCIL #1016 DECEMBER DONATIONS



Dwight Hunter Presenting Joelle Fagan of Meal on Wheels a donation



Dwight Hunter presenting a donation to Yess Youth Emergency Shelter



Dwight Hunter presenting Ass't GM Joe MacAulay of the Veterans Association with a donation



Mgr. Bryan LaFleche & Miri Peterson of Crystal Kids are being presented with a donation from Dwight Hunter



Dwight Hunter presenting Cindy Mathews and her gang at Little Warriors – Be Brave Ranch a Donation.



Dwight Hunter presenting Fatima Berro of the Bissell Centre a donation



Sarah Whittaker of the Mustard Seed being presented a donation from Dwight Hunter



Dwight Hunter Presenting Jackson at the Hope Mission with a donation.



Total Donation from Edmonton #1016 for December were \$23,500.00

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EDMONTON SOUTH COUNCIL #1017 DONATIONS



Our club proudly donated \$2,500 to the Granite Curling Club to support the Granite Stick League. The Granite Curling Club holds a significant place in Edmonton's history, having celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2020. The club is home to a vibrant community of senior curlers, making it a cornerstone for fostering the sport within our city.

Photo (L-R: Edmonton South Club 1017 Director: Rick Fulmer, Granite Curling Club Manager: Mitchell Woytuck)



The Mustard Seed serves as a supportive haven where individuals can address their physical, mental, and spiritual needs, fostering growth toward greater health and independence. In support of this vital organization, the Edmonton South Club collected and donated seven large bags of winter clothing and accessories to help those in need.

Photo (L-R: Edmonton South Club 1017 Directors: Rick and Nadine Fulmer)



Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is committed to rescuing and caring for animals in need while supporting people through education and resources. Their vision is a world where all animals are valued, treated with compassion, and never left behind. To support this important cause, our club was pleased to donate \$2,750.

Photo (L-R: Edmonton South Club 1017 President: Don Makowichuk and SCARS Director: Joanne Caissie)



Shamrock Curling Club is home to a thriving Junior program that plays a crucial role in developing the next generation of curlers. Fun fact: Brendan Bottcher, Second for Team Gushue, began his curling career at Shamrock Curling Club at just 10 years old. The Edmonton South Club is proud to support the development of future curlers with a \$2,500 donation, which will help provide equipment and ice time.

Photo (L-R: Edmonton South Club 1017 Director: Ron Banks and Shamrock Curling Club Manager: Gavin Morton)



"The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton is dedicated to promoting the spirit of Christmas throughout the city by providing festive meals to those in need. It goes without saying that one act of kindness can impact someone for a lifetime. Members of Edmonton South Club 1017, including the little ones, came together to assemble and deliver 20 food hampers to families in need, spreading joy and generosity this holiday season.

**Congratulations to all Members and
Edmonton South Council #1017**



ST. ALBERT COUNCIL #1024 AWARDS AND VOLUNTEERING



President Gerry Folwark awarded Joe Smith with his 45-year service pin.



President Gerry Folwark awarded Doug McRae with his 35-year service pin.



President Gerry Folwark awarded Dale Sharples his 50-year service pin.



President Gerry Folwark awarded Veronica Tait with her 5-year service



President Gerry Folwark awarded Dave McConkey with his 25-year service pin.



President Gerry Folwark awarded both Shirley Folwark & Leslie Wickstrom with their 15-year service pins.



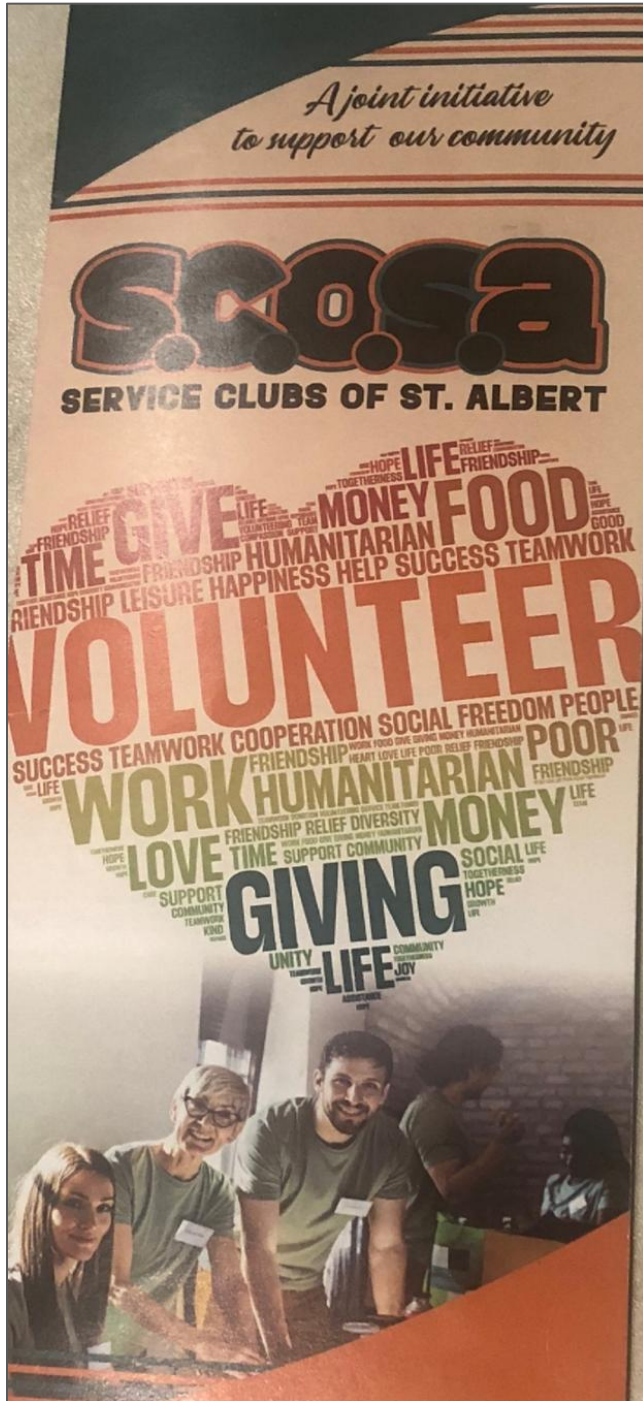
St. Albert council 1024 rang the bells for the Salvation Army \$ collecting 13 purses for the "Fill the Purse" initiative by donating a new or slightly used purse for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Store.

Congratulations to all Members and St. Albert Council #1024



St. Albert Council #1024

St. Albert Council #1024 has announced its decision to merge with other service clubs in the community to foster collaboration and amplify their efforts in volunteer work aimed at enhancing the well-being of St. Albert residents. This united initiative is called S.C.O.S.A (Service Clubs of St. Albert)



St. Albert Council 1024's next Volunteer Appreciation night is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2025. The evening promises both fun and friendly competition, with tensions brewing between Al and Gerry over a heated "Bean Bag Baseball" rivalry. In the last match, Al's team triumphed with a resounding 9-0 victory over Gerry's team. Let the games begin!



Celebrating Our Collective Achievements



Congratulations to all council members who have generously donated to their community. Your contributions and the hard work you invested in becoming involved are truly commendable. It is inspiring to witness so many of our members dedicating their time and resources to make a positive impact.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all councils that have successfully signed up new members. Your efforts in growing our community are invaluable, and we eagerly look forward to seeing these new members actively participating and making a difference.

Community involvement is the cornerstone of our organization. It is through the collective efforts of dedicated individuals like yourselves that we can foster a sense of unity and purpose. Your commitment to bettering our community not only strengthens our bonds but also sets a shining example for others to follow.

As we celebrate these achievements, let us continue to strive for greater engagement and inclusivity. Each new member brings fresh perspectives and ideas that enrich our community. By working together, we can achieve even more remarkable milestones and create lasting positive changes.

Once again, congratulations to all councils and members for your dedication and hard work. Let us continue to inspire and support one another in our shared mission to serve and uplift our community.



2024/2025

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This is a friendly reminder to all councils to please remember to submit their newsletters to the Regional Secretary throughout the year so that they can be reviewed and considered for entry into the competition. It's a great opportunity for the councils to showcase their work and stay updated with what other council newsletters are sharing. You can access and review all of the council newsletters on the regional website www.actuct.com at your convenience.

Additionally, the website offers various information such as council rosters, membership applications for new members, and so much more. If there are any specific additions you would like to see in the newsletter or website, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will make every effort to ensure it is included.

NEWSLETTER AWARD

Councils that submit five or more newsletters annually will be eligible for an award of \$100. If judged to be the best of all submissions, the newsletter will receive a \$250 award. This will be for all newsletters from April 1st, 2024, to March 31st, 2025. So please submit your council newsletters to Rose Scarrow at rscarrow@outlook.com or to Anthony Rumsey PRP at actregional31@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

Each will receive a bonus or rebate of \$35.00 for every new member welcomed to A.C.T./UCT during the period/fiscal year. April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025. The funds in the hands of the local council are unrestricted for use in any local council activity.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Reminder to all members & councils. When you are renewing your memberships, we accept Interact E-Transfers. If you are choosing to E-Transfer you can send your dues to actuct31treasurer@gmail.com and please put your name and member number in the notes so we know who it is from and for. If you would still like to mail your dues, please send your cheque made out to: Dominion Regional Council.

The Dominion Regional will be doing 4 (Four) Newsletters per year, June, Sept, December, & March. So, we encourage all councils to please submit any photos to actregional31@gmail.com if you would like to have them posted.

