

# **ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION NEWS APRIL 2016**

## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Good day everyone and welcome to spring. The Foundation Trustees have had a busy month capped off with a cheque presentation to ISTAR for \$500,000. Roland Gagnon, Maggy Carter and ISTAR Chairman Don Rush were at the monthly meeting to present this cheque to ISTAR. With this cheque, we have almost fulfilled our obligation to ISTAR and can continue to help them. Please remember when you are sitting in a booth, mall or trade fair selling tickets on the raffle that donating to our charities is what we are all about.

As for the raffle, it is going well. The second early bird draw has been drawn and we are quickly moving forward with the sales of all the tickets. If you or your Lodge need more, please contact Gerry, the Raffle Chairperson. I am also pleased to note (in the words of PGER Duane Felt) that you have "stepped up to the plate" and filled all the spaces at the Foundation Casino, our other main fund-raising project.

One last message – please remember the upcoming conference in Hanna. Please try and have at least one of your members attend as this way you can have a voice in what happens at the Foundation.

## **RAFFLE REMINDERS TO LODGES**

1. Please **DO NOT** send cash in the mail. Ensure that the tickets are mailed to the correct address – DO NOT mail them to the Foundation Office.
2. Check all of the books for unsold tickets **before** you return them with your money. Some books have been returned with a cheque from the Lodge for the full amount of books but there have been unsold tickets in some of the books.

3. When returning books and money **please** return the proper paperwork as well. This make the whole process easier for our Raffle Chairman.

Thank you to the Lodges who have sold all their tickets and have the stubs and funds back to Gerry already! Job well done!

## **TABS FOR TOTS/GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

It is time to think about getting your grant applications – both General (applications over \$2,000) and Tabs for Tots into the Foundation Office. These should be received no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Does a local hospital need some new equipment for their paediatric ward? Consider applying for a Tabs for Tots grant. Grant applications are to be submitted to the Foundation Office and will be discussed at the AGM.

If you have any questions or need help with your applications, contact the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer – that is what I am here for.

## **FLOAT**

If your Lodge is considering booking the Float for your summer functions, now is the time to start applying. The application form is on the website or call the Foundation Office to have one mailed to you if you do not have access to a computer.

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER OPENING**

The Foundation Secretary-Treasurer's position will be open in 2017. This is a very interesting aspect of the Foundation and gives back in so many ways.

If you are willing to let your name stand, please send your resume along to the Foundation Office for consideration. We would like to have someone shadow for a year so the transition will go smoothly.

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