



## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

### **September 2015**

We hope that you will enjoy this monthly newsletter. Features on grants, projects, etc. will be shared with our members regularly.

Want to share something with other Lodges or comment on this new format? Drop us a line – contact information is at the bottom of the page.

#### **CHAIRMAN DON BORROWMAN'S COMMENTS**

Greetings everyone and welcome back to another year of Elkdom following our summer break!! Your Alberta Elks Foundation has been busy over the summer and we are proud to bring you notice of what is happening.

To follow the themes of last year's GER and Alberta President, "You're Up to Bat" and "Step Up to the Plate" we are happy to announce that Gerry LePrieur from Stavely Lodge has come forward to help with the raffle for the next few years. Gerry's biography follows. Please contact Gerry about any concerns regarding the raffle.

Right after the conference and during July and August, the Board has met and we have revised the raffle considerably. The Board thought that we should get back to basics and make the raffle tickets easier to sell; therefore we are introducing a strictly cash raffle (which in these times everyone can use) of \$30,000 and \$10,000 first and second prizes. We hope that this will receive lots of publicity and make it easier for the lodges to sell the tickets.

Another great thing that has happened this summer is that a few of the lodges have organized socials and golf tournaments in support of the Foundation. Please remember all funds raised by the Foundation and its members stay within the Association for the benefit of local charities and organizations.

Finally, the Board would like to thank all the Lodges and their members for the support they have shown us. We hope to get the raffle back on track so that we can, in the words of Alberta President Keith McKinnon, "Remember the Children".

#### **INTRODUCING OUR RAFFLE CHAIR**

We know you are all waiting anxiously for the resumption of the Alberta Elks Foundation Provincial Raffle. We are nearly ready to go. Brother Gerry LePrieur has volunteered to spearhead the 2016 raffle. He has assured us that he is making progress and will have the ticket invitation paperwork out to all Lodges for your September meeting. Please help him get things rolling by filling out your forms and getting them back to him as soon as you can.

## **Alberta Elks Foundation**

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Brother Gerry LePrieur has been an Elk for about 39 years. He started in Prince Albert and has been involved in lodges including Saskatoon and Yellowknife where he served as ER on three occasions. He is now a member of the Stavely Lodge and will prove to be a great asset to the Foundation in his new position.

***Gerry can be contacted at 403-336-4410 or via e-mail at [gjleprieur@gmail.com](mailto:gjleprieur@gmail.com).***

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation, we welcome Gerry and thank him for picking up the reins of the raffle.

### **AND – WHAT ARE WE RAFFLING THIS YEAR?**

Final Draw Prizes -

- First Prize - \$30,000.00 cash
- Second Prize - \$10,000.00 cash
- Third Prize – Groceries for a Year - \$100.00 per week plus three bonus amounts of \$100.00 for special holidays

Early Bird Prizes -

- First - \$500.00 in Fas Gas Certificates
- Second - \$750.00 in Fas Gas Certificates
- Third - \$750.00 in Fas Gas Certificates

These prizes are what you could win by purchasing the Alberta Elks Foundation raffle tickets. Be sure to get your Lodge involved as we are sure with prizes such as these, the tickets will sell quickly. Pending approval of AGLC, these tickets should be in Lodge hands by early October.

Early bird draw dates will take place at the Stavely Lodge on February 16/16, March 15/16 and April 19/16. The final draw will take place at the Conference on June 11/16 in Hanna.

### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

Our Secretary-Treasurer's term, currently held by Lynda Petten, will be completed in June 2017. As per Foundation Bylaw 12.4.1, "the term of office of the Foundation Secretary-Treasurer shall not exceed a maximum of five consecutive years".

If you are interested in the position or wish to know what is required to hold the position, please direct your query to [albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca](mailto:albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca) or by calling 403-748-4922.

This is truly a very rewarding position that gives back so much!!

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