

## ACT/UCT DOMINION GRAND # 31

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NEWSLETTER

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GRAND COUNSELOR David Pagee

On Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> my wife Lorna and I drove down to Medicine Hat to attend their General Meeting. The Club meets at the Canadian Legion Hall. There was a good turnout for their meeting and I brought greetings from the Grand Council. A social gathering followed the meeting allowing me to meet all members who had attended.

Lorna was treated to dinner by Glenda Syrota, wife of Grand Conductor Dave Syrota.

On Saturday morning we drove to Swift Current to attend their Provincial Conference which was held at the Best Western Hotel. The Conference began with a luncheon at 12:00 noon, then at 1:00pm the Provincial Conference started with Opening Remarks from the Host Club, Swift Current.

The Clubs that attended the Conference were Swift Current, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford and Moose Jaw. A Crib Tournament took place after the meeting and at 6:00pm Dinner was served. Prizes were awarded to Crib Tournament winners and many door prizes were handed out' Presentation was also made to a member of the Moose Jaw Club for contributing the most to the Provincial Conference.

While the meeting was being held the ladies were taken to a " Fall into Christmas " Craft show at Kinetic Park and purchased many fine items.

Swift Current did a wonderful job hosting their Provincial Conference and all were treated very well.

MEMBERSHIP Serena Olsen

What a Beginning! We already have 21 Sponsors adding 39 New Members in 13 Councils to the end of July! WOW! We can do it! St. Albert Council 1024 have added 7 new members, Kelowna Council 1002 have added 6 new members, Moose Jaw Council 1027 have added 5 new members, Sherwood Park Council 1022 have added 4 new members. And the list goes on... Councils with no additions to date, do not miss out in all the fun!

PUBLICITY/WELCOME Gil Hartley

The Local Council Newsletter competition at the Supreme Level continues to recognize the efforts and quality of issues produced and submitted from ACT/UCT Dominion Grand #31. In the Council Sizes of 199 members or fewer, we received 2 of the 3 awards.

Congratulations to Toronto East Council 1065 (1<sup>st</sup> place) and St. Albert Council 1024 (3<sup>rd</sup> place) for a job well done.

I encourage all councils to participate in this contest. Issues need to be submitted to the Supreme Public Relations Department prior to May 1, 2010. Contact [lfisher@uct.org](mailto:lfisher@uct.org) for more details.

## SAFETY Gil Hartley

ACT/UCT GRAND #31 submitted 6 winning Safety posters to the Supreme Session again this year and we had 5 winners.

Congratulations go out to : Ottawa Council #1046 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Public – Upper Level, Ottawa Council #1046 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Public – Middle Level, Cranbrooke Council #1023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Intellectual – Upper Level, Alberta Council #1014 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Intellectual – Middle Level, and Calgary Council # 1014 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Intellectual – Lower Level .

## CANCER REPORT Jack Blenkinsop

As the Chairman of the Cancer Committee, it is my job to keep the Grand and Supreme informed of all of your local efforts and fund raising activities. In February or March of 2010 I will be putting together a report, based on the forms that each club submits, to recap the hours you have spent and the money raised during 2009. I will then present this information at the Grand Council in North Bay. I will try to keep you informed of any resources I can find in your planning of new fund raising events. You could contribute time to events sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. I know that each club has their own unique way of supporting this great cause. Keep up the good work! For those clubs looking to increase their involvement, please refer to the Canadian Cancer Society web site at [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) or your local Cancer Society office for a wealth of good information.

If I can be of any help, please email me at [ggen@act-uct.com](mailto:ggen@act-uct.com).

## PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN Melorie Davies

At This time I would like to thank Grand Past Counselor Gary Mighton for giving me the wonderful opportunity to serve as your Grand Chaplain for the 2008/2009 term. When I was installed by your installing Officer Past Grand Counselor Jerry Giff of Sudbury Council 1052, Jerry mentioned that history was definitely being made at our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Session in Edmonton in May 2008 by our Grand Council as it was the first time to have a "lady installed as your Grand Chaplain" since the Associated Canadian Travellers was started in 1918 and then amalgamated with the United Commercial Travellers in June 1993. I had considered this to be a real honor and a pleasure to be part of this history to be the "First Lady Grand Chaplain" and I will treasure this special memory for many years to come.

I would like to advise I am running for 1 of the 2 "Two Year Term Executive Officers" at the 17<sup>th</sup> Grand Session in North Bay, ON. In May 2010. At the Supreme Session in Greenville, SC, in July, I was very pleased and honoured once again as I was elected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Canadian Delegation which is a 5 year commitment. I have already served one year as your Grand Chaplain, so therefore I would like to serve as 1 of the 2 two year term Executive Officers as it would be beneficial for me to further my experience and knowledge of our Grand by serving on the Grand Executive for the next few years.

I would appreciate receiving your support and vote at the 17<sup>th</sup> Session in North Bay, Ontario.

## RETENTION Dwight Hunter Grand Executive Committee

We are continuing to call lapsed members on behalf of all Clubs. With the local membership person and myself, each lapsed member should be called a couple of times, and reminded of the benefits of being an ACT/UCT member. Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to get back at it

and bring our membership back up to a level that every Club could win the Gold Medal Award. Should you require any information or help with membership please do not hesitate to call anyone of your elected members on the membership committee.

#### INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND MISC. CHARITIES Ron Pifer Grand Executive Comm.

I hope everyone had a great summer and now is the time, with three months remaining in our year, to get your Chairperson of Intellectual Disabilities and Miscellaneous Charities Committees in action and get your reports in on time.

As in previous years, we are trying to get all Councils reporting – regardless of whether you participate or not. Just filling out the forms is important. When my next newsletter comes out in December, we will have a promotion for a draw for all Councils who fill out their forms and send them in on time. So why not be prepared?

Remember, there are several types of activities for both committees that you can use.

Some are listed below: - Special Olympics, - Handicap Association,- Shrine Circus, -Alzheimers Society. –Wheelchair Ramps, - Safety Posters.

And, of course, “ The UCT Charities Trust Fund “. Let us start working on your yearend reports NOW for the above two Committees.

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