

Alumni Notes

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Foundation Newsletter

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Christmas Wishes from the Executive

May your world be filled with warmth & good cheer this holiday season and throughout the year. ❄️

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



On behalf of the 395 Alumni Executive, Brian Andrus, John Larsen, Karen Butkowski, Nanette Booth, Nick Nimchuk, Joe Luce, Keith Zukiwski, Stacey Urwin, Sylvia and Erwin Loewen, and Don St. Croix, we wish you and yours the best for this holiday season.

Looking Towards 2013 and the Future

As we move into the new year the executive is planning at least one major activity for the upcoming year. We are certainly looking for input from the membership on ideas for getting together. If you have any ideas, please email Karen Butkowski (Karen.Butkowsk@gov.ab.ca) or at the Alumni email address 395alumn@telus.net.

A couple of ideas discussed were the possibility of a family BBQ at one of the parks in Edmonton, or a 'crud' tournament if enough interest is shown and a pool hall can be found which would allow us to play the game.

The executive have been investigating the possibility of forming a non-profit group with charity status. There are several pros and cons regarding this and we hope to provide them to you for input in the new year. We will be sending out an on-line survey with approximately 12 questions or so in order to get your input. We are hoping to have this out in early 2013. Your input is very important to the Alumni Foundation in order to help us move forward.

What We Are Currently Doing

The executive is moving ahead to catalogue and archive the many photos we have acquired. The biggest challenge we face is of course identifying the individuals in the photos. For the most part we know when and where the photos were taken but not who are in them.

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Congratulations to our Alumni

Congratulations go out to Joe Luce and Imre Bogovics who were each presented a Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Donald S. Ethell. The medals were presented at a ceremony held on October 11, 2012.



On Oct. 2, 2012 The International Association of Business Communicators Canada (IABC Canada) has announced that John Larsen, ABC, of Calgary is the 2012 recipient of its prestigious Master Communicator Award. This is IABC Canada's highest honour, and recognizes lifetime achievement in the communications field.

He also held senior communications positions in government, including Regional Director of the National Defence Public Affairs office in Calgary, and is currently in charge of the Canadian Forces Public Affairs Branch Primary Reserve. He has developed issues management programs and plans for high-profile events, including security communications for the 2008 Beijing and 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

The IABC Master Communicator designation is the association's highest honour in Canada. It recognizes outstanding career achievements; contributions to the communications profession; thought leadership, teaching and writing in communications; service and leadership in IABC; and overall contributions to the community. IABC Canada has honoured only 43 individuals with this designation since it was established in 1980. Master Communicators are nominated and selected by their peers.

What We Have Done

This past June the Alumni held its first family campout near Barrhead, Alberta. Friendships were renewed around the campfire and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. Special thanks go out to Heather (Schmidt) Farrants and her family for providing the catering for this event.



Heather (Schmidt) Farrants, Brian Andrus, Karen (Strand) Butkowski, Rob Demeter, Albert Decosta, Stacey (Strand) Urwin, Dennis Decosta, Joe Luce.

From our Squadron

- 395 Squadron recently received the "Director's Seal of Excellence in support of the Cadet Population Growth Initiative". This honour is given to a cadet corps or squadron who has excelled at attraction and retention of cadets. Currently the squadron has approximately 170 cadets.
- On October 26 -28, 2012, one of 395 Squadron's cadets was presented with the Top Cadet award for the NW Wing. Warrant Officer 2nd Class, Heather Richards was presented this award at the 2012 Conference and AGM of the Air Cadet League of Canada, Alberta Provincial Committee.

Do You Remember This Place?

Karen Butkowski attended 395 Squadron's Fall Bush Camp in September and took some pictures of Camp Wright.

