

# Message from the President



## General Meeting March 20

Our next General Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 20. Please note this important date in your PDA's and calendars.

We will look at Calgary socio-economic factors, and discuss basically where Calgary is today, how it has changed and what might be coming up in the future. This could help you anticipate where things are going and armed with that information could help you deal with the changes that are occurring and will occur in your neighbourhoods.

These meetings are a great chance to meet and network with other community association leaders and a great chance to learn from each other.

## March is Membership Awareness Month

March is Community Association Membership Awareness Month. The Mayor has issued a proclamation to this effect. The Federation puts up a number of banners around the city and we inform the media of the special month.

You can do your part in a number of ways including putting an article in your newsletter identifying all the benefits of being a member of your community association. Be creative and take advantage of this month to profile the benefits of being active members of your community association.

## Thank You Bridgeland Riverside

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association recently contributed \$1000 of their casino funds to the

Federation. This is the second year they have done this. We wish to thank them for their generosity.

## Chamber of Commerce Gala

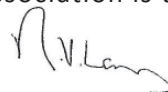
Occasionally we get invitations to attend special events. One such event was the Chamber of Commerce Annual Salute to Excellence. Leslie Evans and I were the guests of Encana along with Terry-lyn Martin, President of Martindale Community Association and several other members of Martindale. The theme of the evening was the late 1920's jazz age. We dressed up in gangster and flapper outfits. It was a fun evening but it was not all fun. We spoke to many community and corporate leaders as well as politicians about the Federation and community associations in general. Every time we are out at events like this we take the opportunity to do so.



## What is your Society status?

We are all very busy doing interesting and beneficial community activities. They are numerous and cover a very wide spectrum. Calgary would not be the great city it is without all your hard work.

However, as Board members, we also need to deal with some things you might view as mundane. One of the very important duties you have is to ensure your filings as required under the Societies Act are up to date and current. If they are not current, you could be struck as a society and that would create a situation where you as a Board member could be personally liable even if your organization has purchased liability insurance. This is because technically the organization is not a legal entity. So please check and make sure you are up to date in this regard. Your work through the community association is too important to be jeopardized by this



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