

Convention Report of Alberta ND Women's Caucus November 2010

The following outlines the yearly activities since Sept 2009

Executive

- The Women's Caucus Executive has met about every two months by teleconference.
- Three of the current Executive members will not be standing for the next year: Shirley Barg – Edmonton Rep, Haike McRae – Calgary Rep and Sheila McKay –Secretary. We have appreciated their assistance and hopefully Shirley Barg will remain as the Women's Caucus website contact.
- Kayla McCarthy joined as Youth Rep and Loretta Frieson as the Grande Prairie rep.

Committee Representation

- Starr Curry participates in the Convention Planning Committee
- Hana Razga participates in the Resolutions Committee and is the Federal Women's Council Rep. The Federal Women's Council met at least once this year. Main issues include more visibility of the Women's Council and the Agnes McPhail Fund on the Federal Party website. Hana attends the Alberta ND Women's Caucus meetings and is currently running for an aldermanic seat in Edmonton's Ward 8.

Regional Caucuses

Calgary – The Calgary caucus continues to meet every third Saturday (excluding July, August and December) and has a wine and cheese reception planned for October 21 to raise money for the Olga Blondheim Fund for Women Candidates. Other activities include providing lunch for Provincial Council June 19 and penny jar for the Olga Blondheim Fund, as well as arranging an ND booth at the Labour Council's BBQ.

Edmonton – The Edmonton caucus has had two meetings this year in February and June at Murrieta's Bar and Grill 10612-82 Ave, a handicapped accessible location. .Another meeting is planned for November 21 at 10:30am with Kayla McCarthy (Executive member) presenting on Creative Fundraising. The Edmonton Olga Blondheim Brunch was held May 2 and raised over \$3,000 for the Olga Blondheim Fund. A garage sale was held on July 8-10 but the proceeds were not as good as in other years so the group may consider other fundraising ideas.

Provincial Convention

The Annual Meeting is being held Saturday November 6 at 7:30am at the Red Deer Lodge Piper Creek Room with a continental breakfast available. Four resolutions have been submitted on the right to care, post secondary issues affecting women, midwifery education and family violence and bullying prevention. The Women's Caucus display table will be selling tickets for the Olga Blondheim Brunch, selling fundraising items and renewing and selling memberships as well as displaying brochures. Please volunteer if you have time during Provincial Convention especially on Saturday morning .

Olga Blondheim Brunch is in the Piper Creek Room across from Provincial Convention Hall with Shannon Philips as the speaker. This is one of the major opportunities for funding for the Olga Blondheim Fund for Women Candidates.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published three times per year and is mailed or sent by email .

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