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June 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

According to the World Health Organization, abuse and neglect of older adults can be a single or a repeated act. It can occur in any relationship where there is an expectation of trust or where a person is in a position of power or authority. Abuse can be physical, emotional, verbal, financial, sexual and spiritual. Neglect can be part of abuse. Neglect involves not doing something, such as not providing the older person with food, shelter, medication or care. The two most frequently identified and reported types of elder abuse in Canada are financial and emotional.

Who are the victims?

Who are the abusers?

What are the signs of elder abuse?

What should I do if I think I am being abused?

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CASINO VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

When: August 13 & 14, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)

Where: Palace Casino (West Edmonton Mall)

Alberta Seniors United Now (SUN) are holding their third Casino and need you to help us with our volunteer component.

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SUN Board of Directors 2011 - 2012

Gordon Voth – President Richard Tansey - Vice-President

Barrie Pratt - Treasurer Reg Wood - Secretary Denis Beaudry - Director

Joe MacLellan - Director Tony Powell - Director Mathew Romanow - Director

Presidents Report:

Your Board of Directors has concluded a very busy year. We have been working on establishing new chapters and growing SUN's membership. We now have a North East Edmonton Chapter that has been formed and is thriving. The membership committee is actively planning on establishing further chapters in Edmonton and smaller cities in Alberta. Our major need is more volunteer manpower to assist the membership committee in its work. If you can help, please call the office and we will be pleased to have you join this committee. We currently have 1526 paid members, up from 1404 in 2010. Given that 47 of our members passed away last year, we actually had an increase of 168 new members.

Our 2011 Annual General Meeting was held on April 27, at the Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre, 11050-90 St, Edmonton. The facility and food was excellent and we had a turnout of over 100 members. All the existing Board Members, whose term was up, stood for re-election. Your existing Board will continue into the 2011-2012 year. As president, I am delighted to continue to work with these dedicated volunteers.

The Keynote speaker was Mr. David O'Brien, Vice-President-Alberta Health Services-Seniors Health. Mr. O'Brien gave a very informative presentation on the current status of seniors' health services in Alberta and the plans that Alberta Health Services has to improve and adapt these services to be more effective and efficient.

I am pleased to report that all attendees enjoyed an excellent Annual General Meeting. The facility, location and parking were excellent. The facility has been booked for next year and I would encourage all members to plan on attending in 2012.

Our growth this year is very exciting and is a strong indication that Alberta Seniors feel that SUN is needed and that SUN is making a difference for seniors. I believe that Alberta is facing global influences that shape how our government allocates your tax dollars to its many programs. Senior issues need to be at the budgeting table and SUN is the organization that will be there for seniors. We all must continue to strive to ensure seniors' voices are heard.

It will be my pleasure to serve as your President for the coming year, and with the assistance of the Board members, continue to effectively represent you - the membership of SUN.

Gordon Voth, President

Membership Renewal

If your membership is/was due for renewal: **April, May, June or July 2011** you will receive a **Yellow** renewal notice.

Members due **August & September 2011** will receive a **White** renewal notice.

Current & Lifetime members will **NOT** receive a notice.

If your renewal is past-due, there will be a **Pink** renewal reminder enclosed.

For specific details as to when your membership is due for renewal, please contact the SUN office.

780-449-1816 or unitenow@telus.net

Executive Director Report: John MacDonald



It has been just over six months now since I was hired as your Executive Director and I have chosen to reflect on that experience as the subject of this report.

Let me start by saying “THANK YOU” for being who you are. SUN members have consistently shown to me a people who are vibrantly alive, passionately motivated and above all they are a caring people of vision and wisdom. It is from that understanding of who you are that your provincial board has been able to craft who it is they want me to be in serving you. I’ll tell you what that looks like at this point and I hope to hear back from you if you think we are on the right or wrong path.

To start with SUN is structured primarily in such a manner that its’ reason for existing is to listen to its members from the heart. The SUN Chapters take your thoughts, ideas, concerns and issues into their various “Think Tanks” to determine how best to respond to your input. Those responses are mostly actions of engagement to find the answers and solutions that you are asking for. The type of “engagement” we seem drawn to is twofold as follows:

- Some of your directions engage SUN in the task of networking with other senior related organizations and this we are doing regularly and will continue to do so. Some of the concerns our members raise are being dealt with very effectively by some of these other seniors groups. Our role here is to support and encourage these groups in their efforts and to bring the fruit of their efforts back to our members.
- The largest involvement we engage in, based on your direction, is our political involvement. This area engages SUN with our municipal, civic, provincial and federal elected representatives and it is here that **SUN truly shines.** SUN is solidly non-partisan in its’ political involvement and approaches this aspect of engagement in a fully collaborative manner. We engage our political leaders as partners in finding just, satisfactory and fiscally responsible solutions to your issues and concerns. We have found, for the most part, a very open and accepting response from your politicians of all stripes to this genuinely collaborative approach to problem solving and we look forward to even greater success ahead.
- It is this experience that has inspired two recent documents and one very descriptive identifying phrase that are now an important part of SUN’s message which are:
 - **“Why Join SUN?”** (10 Very good reasons)
 - **“Why Form A SUN Chapter?”** (8 Good Reasons)
 - Sun is **“The Voice For Seniors In Alberta”**

For me, it has been an exciting six months working for you and working with you. In closing I would encourage you to invite your family and friends to consider joining SUN. It is NOT expensive but it is a great investment in your future and the future of our next generations.

Respectfully,
John MacDonald
SUN Executive Director

“They say genes skip generations. Maybe that’s why grandparents find their grandchildren so likeable.” – Joan McIntosh

St. Albert Chapter...

Quarterly Activity Summary

Chapter meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30PM at the St. Albert Royal Legion on Tache Street. We do not meet in July, August and December.

Our Executive strives to keep our membership informed on any progress on the local issues which include property tax, user fees, utility costs and transportation. We are continuing to monitor and report on important issues including changes to Health Care, seniors' benefits, Property Tax Deferment Plan and on any other important matters.

In keeping with our efforts to provide informative speakers we acknowledge the excellent presentations in the following months:

February 28/2011

Representatives from Service Canada, Shannon Curry and Sasha West, did an excellent and informative presentation on upcoming changes to OAS and CPP.

March 28/2011

Our meeting location was moved to the Cornerstone Church in Grandin Mall in order to accommodate a large crowd of 160 people to hear our guest speaker Dr Raj Sherman. His message was very informative and well received evidenced by the standing ovation and the attention he attracted following his presentation on Health Care and how the current system is broken

April 18/2011

Our guests were SUN President Gord Voth & Executive Director John MacDonald. Executive Elections were held. Thanks to the incoming & outgoing executive.

May 30/2011

Our guest speaker Yvonne Racine representing the Memorial Society of Edmonton gave a very informative talk on funeral pre-planning. She then answered many questions from the members and visitors attending.

Your Chapter Executive is working for you and welcomes any questions, concerns or ideas you might have.

We are looking for someone who has publicity experience to help set our publicity strategy moving forward.

Regards
Richard Tansey St Albert Chapter - Chair

SUN Administration Office News

Please assist the administrative office by updating SUN with any changes to your contact information:
Mailing address, phone number, new/cancelled email addresses.

During the Spring & Summer our office administrator is available:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00AM - 3:00PM

780-449-1816

The SUN office will be closed during August 2011

Please note we are occasionally out of the office on business during these hours. It is recommended to phone before coming to the administrative office.



Sherwood Park-Strathcona County Chapter...**Quarterly
Activity Summary**

Our chapter continues to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30PM
We do not meet in July, August and December. Join us at the Bethel Lutheran Church for the upcoming meetings.

March 15th 2011 - Tim Uppal, MP - Sherwood Park

Following an informative talk Uppal asked for seniors' concerns, some of which were: Justice, health committee chair, labor market, tax cuts for seniors, immigration, Afghanistan, drug costs for herbal remedies, northern affairs.

April 19th 2011 - Dr. Raj Sherman, Independent MLA & ER. Physician

Vice President Doug Baker reported on the Action for Living Conference – Saturday April 15/2011 - 150 people visited the SUN exhibit – response was positive.

Gordon Voth, the Provincial President, spoke briefly on the following topics:

- SUN Membership is increasing
- There are working committees involved with membership, advocacy, health issues, chapter development provincially, government movement toward private health care and the need for seniors to meet this challenge
- We, seniors can influence the decisions made by MLA's

Our guest speaker, Dr. Raj Sherman spoke firmly about both the problems and solutions to Alberta's failing health care procedures, compared to health care procedures in the U.K. and other European countries. Sherman spoke in detail about the critical condition of Canadian hospitals.

Dr. Sherman was asked numerous questions. His address was warmly received by 100+ attendees who felt positive and better informed. Dr. Sherman encouraged seniors to seek political alternatives and he remained after the meeting to mingle with the SUN members and guests.

May 17th 2011 -

John MacDonald, Executive Director, supervised the election of the new board of directors for the Sherwood Park/Strathcona County Chapter. The procedure followed the election statutes as established by the Provincial Executive.

The election of the new chapter executive is as follows:

Chairperson, Dawn Parker; Vice Chairperson, Doug Baker;
Secretary, Mervyn Lynch; Phoning chair, Gwen Thacker.

Our guest speaker MLA Iris Evans was unable to be present owing to an emergency cabinet meeting dealing with the Slave Lake fire disaster.

In the absence of Ms. Evans, the attendees submitted a series of questions to be forwarded to Ms. Evans.

Please join us at our upcoming Chapter meetings 1:30 PM @ Bethel Lutheran Church

Tuesday September 20/2011 Guest speaker - TBA

North East Edmonton Chapter...

Quarterly Activity Summary

At present the North East Edmonton Chapter of SUN does not have a formal executive in place as they are presently still in the building and development stage. The North East Chapter is however well organized with an effective and focused "Steering Committee" in place as follows:

- NE Chapter Provincial Liaison Contact person - Mathew Romanow
- NE Chapter Publicity and event organizer - Gordon Astle
- NE Chapter Phoning coordinator and Team - Agnes Shoemaker, Marilyn Kempton

The North East Chapter has had a very good start to its history. It opened with a January 2011 very well attended and interesting presentation by Dr. Raj Sherman. That was followed by an April presentation by MLA David Quest the Chair of the Alberta Seniors Advisory Council. In May the Chapter held an "Issue and Direction" Identification which included an Issue Discussion Identification exercise for our June Meeting which will feature local MLA Tony Vandermeer at 1:00 pm Monday June 13, 2011. The NE Chapter plans to have a "Strategy Meeting" over the summer and intends to hold elections for an executive in the fall.

Assisted Waste Collection - Edmonton

A service to assist Edmonton residents who have difficulty getting their recycling or garbage to the curb or lane. Collectors will pick up garbage and recycling from outside the front or back door of the home.

There is no additional charge for this service. Call 780-496-5698

Joint bank accounts are increasingly being used to defraud seniors

Joint bank accounts are increasingly being used as a vehicle to defraud Canadian seniors. Although the banking industry recognizes the problem, most banks do little to curtail it, say experts.

Often aging parents are adding adult children to their accounts simply to assist with the logistics of bill payments and managing the account. "The child knows this is the parent's intent and so does the bank, yet the bank forms proclaim that the asset in the account is equally and rightfully the property of the child, the most commonly used agreement is called joint tenants with right of survivorship. This means two or more people have the same cheque-writing and withdrawal privileges, and if one of the account holders dies, the other automatically obtains ownership of the account long before the deceased's estate is settled.

Douglas Melville, Canada's ombudsman for banking services and investments, who investigates public complaints, acknowledges that abuse of joint accounts is a growing problem. "Many Canadians don't understand that once you add your adult children to your account, it's legally as much their money as it is yours." Some say that it's wise to avoid joint accounts altogether, because your money and your adult child's personal life become legally entangled. "If your child's marriage goes off the rails, their ex can now make a claim on the senior's joint account. If your child owes money to creditors or is successfully sued, your money can be garnished or seized."

A lawyer, who specializes in estate litigation, says any parent considering a joint account should document their intentions and provide copies of this documentation to multiple trusted individuals. A suggestion is opening up a new account with just enough money to cover regular expenses. "Set up most of your bills to be paid automatically from that account or provide cheques to the other individual on that account, but watch out for two things," he advises. "Don't let your joint account holder set up a line of credit and make sure there are no overdrafts on this account."

An alternative is to use a power-of-attorney document that precisely spells out your intentions and which powers you're granting and which ones you choose to limit. At least with a POA there is a legal requirement for accountability.

CONTINUING CARE IN ALBERTA

The Government of Alberta uses a terminology of "Continuing Care Spaces" to describe the three options that exist for continuing care. These options are

- 1) Home Care: Remaining in your home, with provision of health care supportive services provided by Alberta Health Services.
- 2) Supportive Living: The facilities provided a residential setting where people can maintain control over their lives while also receiving the health and personal support that they require.
- 3) Facility Living: This is the term that is used to cover long-term care facilities such as nursing homes and auxiliary hospitals. This type of accommodation is for individuals who need a high level of care to manage complex, unstable health conditions 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

In November, 2010 Alberta Health Services issued a report entitled "Becoming the Best: Alberta's 5-year Health Action Plan 2010-2015". This plan is to add and refurbish more long-term care beds and supportive living spaces with the following targets:

Short-term actions (to be completed by March 2012): Add at least 2,300 continuing care spaces

Mid to long-term actions: (to be completed by March 2015): Add 3,000 more continuing care spaces

It is strange that Alberta Health Services (AHS) includes "Home Care" as one of the "continuing care spaces" since AHS is concentrating its action towards the provision of Level 3 and Level 4 supportive living spaces (see below) and long-term care beds, as per the published action plan.

The question that one might ask is "What is "Supportive Living"?"

"Supportive Living" means a philosophy and an approach for providing services within a housing environment. It provides a home-like setting where people can maintain control over their lives while also receiving the support that they need. The building is specifically designed with common areas and features to allow individuals to "age in place". Building features include private space and safe, secure and barrier-free environment. Supportive living promotes residents' independence and aging in place through the provision of services such as 24-hour monitoring, emergency response, security, meals, housekeeping, and life-enrichment activities. Publicly funded personal care and health services are provided to supportive living residents based on their assessed needs.

Unfortunately, the Government of Alberta has not seen fit at this time to control the use of the terms "Assisted Living" and "Supportive Housing". Terms that are also used are "Designated Assisted Living (DAL)", "Designated Supportive Living" and "Designated Supportive Housing". The use of "designated" simply indicates that a contract exists between AHS and the building operator. The four distinct levels of supportive living in Alberta are defined as:

- Level 1: Residential Living
- Level 2: Lodge Living
- Level 3 Assisted Living
- Level 4: Enhanced Assisted Living (and Level 4 Dementia)

As the level increases, the operator provides a higher level of personal and health care to accommodate the individual's needs.

Questions? Contact the SUN office and watch for information in future issues of SUNBURST.

Reg Wood – member SUN Health Committee

THE SITUATION

In Washington, DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, this man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After about 3 minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes: A 3-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly.

At 45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all. No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this:

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made . . .

How many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Volunteer Spotlight

Do you know an individual or group in your community that goes above and beyond for seniors? Share their and/or your volunteer experiences with SUNBURST and help us acknowledge those extra special seniors and senior groups in our communities. Send your stories to the SUN office by mail or email.



SENIOR SMILES

How is old Mrs. Kirkland doing? Worried because they hadn't heard anything for days from the widow in the neighboring apartment, Mrs. Silver said to her son, "Timmy, would you go next door and see how old Mrs. Kirkland is?" A few minutes later, Timmy returned. "Well," asked Mrs. Silver, "is she all right?" "She's fine, except that she's mad at you." "At me?" the woman exclaimed. "Whatever for?" "She said 'It's none of your business how old she is!!'"



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SUN CASINO VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

When: August 13 & 14, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)

Where: Palace Casino (West Edmonton Mall)

Alberta Seniors United Now (SUN) need you to help us with our volunteer component. There are various levels of volunteers required from General Manager, Banker, Cashier, chip runner and Count Room. We can also accommodate your time availability as there are 3 shifts each day.

Day Shift 11:00am – 7:00pm

Night Shift 6:30pm – 2:30am

Count Room 9:30pm – 2:45am



Several volunteers are required for each shift each day. Please call **Lynn at the SUN office 780-449-1816** and let her know you're willing to help SUN with this essential fund-raising activity.

WHY JOIN SUN

- A SUN membership connects you to your MLA for information and problem solving.
- A SUN membership provides current Seniors information through our newsletters: Sunburst and our E-memo Sunbeam.
- A SUN membership connects you to other Seniors' groups and organizations in Alberta through our networking.
- A SUN membership connects you to the seniors in your community through Chapter formation.
- A SUN membership gives you a much louder voice when speaking to government and organizations by linking your voice to a much larger SUN community voice.
- A SUN membership means there is a team of dedicated and gifted members working with you to secure desired outcomes when difficulties surface.
- A SUN membership gives the SUN community the benefit of your thoughts, wisdom and experience is solving senior's issues.
- A SUN membership is NOT all for you as SUN needs your membership, voice and wisdom in order to have a large and important voice that government and organizations listen too.
- A SUN membership is the "Best Bang for Your Buck" you can invest in.
- A SUN membership connects you to a Province Wide network and the greater the number of members the more SUN is listened to by our policy makers.

Who are the victims?

Any senior can become a victim of elder abuse regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, income or education. There is limited data about elder abuse in Canada, and throughout the world. A key reason is that many cases of elder abuse go unreported. However, various studies indicate that between four and eight per cent of older adults in Canada are likely to experience abuse. Shame or guilt may stop a senior from revealing their abuse. Sometimes victims simply do not have the capacity to report it. Whether a victim is unable or unwilling, some of the barriers to revealing elder abuse include fear, love for the abuser, lack of understanding or impairment, unaware of resource options, or acceptance of abuse or neglect as normal.

Who are the abusers?

Elder abuse is often committed by someone known to the victim, such as a family member, friend, or caregiver. Approximately 25 per cent of crimes against older adults are committed by family members, usually a spouse or adult child. Abusers can also include friends, neighbours, paid care providers, landlords and staff, or any individual in a position of power, trust, or authority.

What are the signs of elder abuse?

Like other types of family violence, the dynamics of elder abuse are complex. Elder abuse is often impacted by the mental and physical conditions of both the abuser and the victim, with these factors interacting in ways uniquely dependent on the individuals involved and the situation. Risk factors for abuse include: history of spousal abuse; family dynamics; isolation; troubled relatives, friends or neighbours; inability to cope with long-term caregiving; institutional conditions; ageism and lack of knowledge about the aging process; and society's acceptance of violence. Common signs of elder abuse include confusion, depression or anxiety, unexplained injuries, changes in hygiene, seeming fearful around certain people, and fear or worry when talking about money.

What should I do if I think I am being abused?

If you are in immediate danger leave the situation. Go to a safe place immediately, such as a neighbour, friend or relative. Go into a business or ask to be taken to a shelter. *If you are unable to leave your home, call 9-1-1 immediately.* **Take legal action.** All forms of abuse are immoral. Some forms are illegal. You may want to think about a court protection order that would stop the abusive person from having contact with you. **Confide in someone you trust.** Talk to someone you *trust* about what is happening: friend or family member; public health nurse; social worker; home care worker; someone at your place of worship or a doctor. **Keep a record.** Write down what is happening to you; keep a daily record. This will help you to document the abuse and help others assist you if you need it. **DON'T BLAME YOURSELF.** *Know that it is not your fault and help is available.* Please ask for help because *you do not deserve to be abused.* Many groups in your community want to help you to protect your rights, safety and your dignity.

Anyone who is being abused and is in imminent danger should contact the police immediately by dialing 911.

The Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818 for information, advice and referrals. This 24 hour number is toll-free and available 7 days a week. Service is provided in over 170 languages.

Condominium buyers advised to examine contracts closely

The Alberta government suggests prospective condominium buyers review contracts carefully before signing, in light of new “early planning agreements” in which the developer is under no obligation to refund deposits.

Some developers are now offering early planning agreements, which authorize the developer to design a condominium according to the buyer’s specifications and give the buyer the option to sign a purchase agreement later at an agreed price.

Early planning agreements are not covered by the *Condominium Property Act*, which otherwise gives buyers the right to cancel a contract within 10 days of signing a purchase agreement with a developer. The buyer is entitled to a full refund within 10 days of the developer receiving notice to cancel.

Consumers are cautioned to carefully examine any document or contract to ensure that their cancellation and deposit refund rights are clearly spelled out.

The Condominium Property Act and the Condominium Property Regulation set out the rules for operating and managing condominiums in Alberta. The legislation includes

- The rights of a unit owner
- The powers and duties of a condominium corporation
- The responsibilities of a condominium corporation and of a unit owner
- Rules regarding budgets and financial matters of the condominium corporation
- Rules regarding bylaws, including how they can be changed and enforced
- Rules about reserve funds
- Responsibilities regarding management agreements, renting a condominium unit, and proper insurance coverage
- Requirements for annual general meetings of the unit owners and meetings of the condominium board.

For complete information refer to the *Condominium Property Act* and regulation. They are both posted on the Service Alberta website: www.servicealberta.ca

ALBERTA SENIORS UNITED NOW

\$\$\$\$ Summer of Eleven CASH RAFFLE \$\$\$\$



RAFFLE RULES

LICENSE # 316882

- 1) RAFFLE TICKETS MUST NOT BE SOLD TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18YEARS.
- 2) THE PURCHASE PRICE OF EACH TICKET SHALL BE \$5.00 each
- 3) **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWS, THE TICKET(S) AND PURCHASE AMOUNT MUST BE RECEIVED IN SUN OFFICE BY 12:00Noon, September 21, 2011**
- 4) THE PRIZE PAYOUT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
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 - 2ND PRIZE 13.33% OF THE GROSS TICKET SALE REVENUE
 - 3RD PRIZE 13.33% OF THE GROSS TICKET SALE REVENUE
- 5) THE DRAW(S) SHALL BE MADE AT THE SUN OFFICE: #15 2016 SHERWOOD DRIVE, SHERWOOD PARK, AB PRIOR TO 3PM, September 21, 2011.
- 6) THE WINNING TICKET BUYERS SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE, THEIR NAMES WILL BE PUBLICIZED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER & ON THE SUN WEBSITE.
- 7) THE WINNING TICKET BUYERS WILL BE AWARDED THE PRIZE VIA CHEQUE DRAWN ON SUN.
- 8) IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONCERN OR DISPUTE REGARDING THIS RAFFLE, PLEASE CONTACT LYNN PENNER AT THE SUN OFFICE. (780) 449-1816
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Annual Membership Fees

\$15.00 individual \$25.00 Couple
\$100.00 Group/Affiliate organization

Lifetime Membership

\$150.00 individual \$250.00 Couple
N/A Group/Affiliate organization

Memberships open to Alberta Seniors 55+ Non-voting Associate membership under 55 years

Alberta Seniors United Now Society has worked hard to maintain the lowest possible membership fees. **With no increase in fees since 2005 it is vital that additional revenue be generated.**

Advertising – Advertising opportunities are available in the Sunburst newsletter for single or multiple editions from business card to full page sizes.

Donations – Received from members that kindly support SUN financially throughout the year.

Bequeath – Members that have had positive experiences and want to give back & help SUN help other seniors.

We want to communicate better with you.

Do you have an **email** address?

Please share it with SUN and be sure to add us to your address book.

We do not share email addresses,

Email addresses are used only for communication of SUN and senior issues.

If you don't have an email address perhaps a friend or family member would act as a contact for you.

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