

Volume 2, Issue 4

## This Month...



### Message from the Executive Director

Well folks, this will be my last message to you as Executive Director. For those of you who don't know, I will be leaving my position, as of today, due to budget cuts.

Over the past 9 years as a full time staff person and volunteer with the ALP, I've been gifted with many friendships, experiences and events that have changed me, for sure. I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to know you, and to work with you towards our collective goal of building a better Alberta. It has also been a real honour to work with the Leadership team that is Kevin and Jeanette – they have done an amazing job, and it was a privilege to stand beside them, as we built a strong team and moved this party forward.

We each have our own story or passion that catapulted us into political action. For me, it was a passionate belief in the value and need for an excellent public education system in our province, for all children. For others, it was health care, or fiscal responsibility, or the arts, or labour issues, or seniors . . . whatever the motivation, it has been my experience that the members of the Alberta Liberal party are a passionate, energetic, tolerant and caring group of people who really DO want to see a better future for everyone. I hope you continue to fan the flames of your individual passions and that you will continue to grow and build this, our party.

Thank you for sharing this journey, and I look forward to seeing you again, on the "trail."

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kieran Leblanc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kieran Leblanc  
Executive Director, Alberta Liberal Party

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## Convention

Our annual convention, "Turning Point," went very well. We had about 200 delegates to the convention and over 300 people in a packed house for a special tribute dinner to Kevin and Jeanette. Party members packed the sessions on change in the Party's direction and image, and sessions on changes to democracy itself. The brainstorming from these sessions will be provided to the new VP of Policy.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made this happen. Next year's convention is tentatively planned for April in Calgary.

## New Executive

With the annual convention comes the Party's Annual General Meeting and elections for the new executive. The executive will be counted on to lead the Party as we move forward towards 2012, now more than ever with Kieran leaving. Congratulations to the new and returning members of the executive.

President: Grant Dunlop

VP Communications: Roger Holmes

VP Policy: Avalon Roberts

Secretary: Carrol Jaques

Treasurer: Mike McNeil

(VP Constituency Organization is still Carolyn Campbell)

Thank you to the retiring executive members, Karen Charlton (VP Policy), Gerry Hart (Treasurer) and Glenn Rollans (VP Communications). We know these jobs involved a lot of your volunteer time and we thank you for your years of service.

## Membership Fee

As is the usual order of business at our AGM, members set the membership fee for ALP memberships. The membership fee for the Alberta Liberal Party effective January 1, 2009 will be five dollars for everyone. Revenue sharing between constituencies will stop, since the cost to maintain the member database is a break-even scenario for the party.

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## Leadership

With the deadline for nominations past there are three official candidates running for the leadership of the Alberta Liberal Party. In reverse alphabetical order this time, they are: Calgary-Currie MLA Dave Taylor, Calgary-Mountain View MLA David Swann and former Edmonton-McClung MLA Mo Elsalhy. Each has their campaign in high gear as we move towards the November 7th deadline for membership sales. We've listed their campaign websites below if you want to check out their policies and profiles.

Dave Taylor: <http://www.tayloralberta.ca/>

David Swann: <http://electdavidswann.ca/>

Mo Elsalhy: <http://elsalhy.com>

Remember, you have to be a current member as of November 7 to receive a ballot for the early December voting. If you aren't sure about your membership status, please call the ALP office at 1-800-661-9201 or 780-414-1124 in Edmonton.

## Upcoming Alberta Liberal Events

**17 October 2008**

### Calgary-Foothills and Calgary-Varsity Annual Harvest Dinner

The Calgary-Foothills and Calgary-Varsity ALP constituency associations invite you to their Annual Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction. The special guest speaker is Andrew Nikiforuk. Tickets are \$35.00.

**Location:** Silver Springs Community Centre, 5720 Silver Ridge Drive NW, Calgary

**Start Time:** Doors 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Linda Pushor at 403-863-4850 or [lpushor@shaw.ca](mailto:lpushor@shaw.ca) or Bryce Dudley at 403-616-7880 or [brycedudley@mac.com](mailto:brycedudley@mac.com).

**21 October 2008**

### Edmonton-Whitemud AGM and Leadership Forum

**Location:** Riverbend Community Centre, 258 Rhatigan Road East, Edmonton

**Start Time:** Registration 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m., Candidates 7:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Nancy Cavanaugh at [nancy.cavanaugh@telus.net](mailto:nancy.cavanaugh@telus.net).

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**2 November 2008**

## Calgary-Mackay AGM

**Location:** Creekside Co-op Community Room, 12000 Symons Valley Road NW, Calgary, AB

**Start Time:** Registration 7:00 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Contact:** President Alan Oulette at phone 403.226.9831 or email [aoulette@hotmail.com](mailto:aoulette@hotmail.com).

**6 November 2008**

## Calgary-Egmont AGM

**Location:** Cafeteria, Bishop Grandin Sr. High School, 111 Hadden Road. S.W., Calgary, Alberta

**Start Time:** Registration 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Dana McLaren at 403-243-1729 or e-mail [mclarendc@shaw.ca](mailto:mclarendc@shaw.ca).

**7 November 2008**

## Lethbridge Leadership Dinner

The annual dinner in Lethbridge will be a Leadership Dinner this year. It will be an opportunity to meet and question the leadership candidates.

**Location:** Sandman Inn – 421 Mayor Magrath Drive S. Lethbridge

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM

**Contact:** Adele at 403-320-7333 or email [canz@shaw.ca](mailto:canz@shaw.ca) for tickets.

**7 November 2008**

## Leadership Selection: Membership Sales Cut Off

Last day to sell memberships eligible to vote in the Leadership race.

**21 November 2008**

## Alberta Liberal Executive Committee Meeting

*More information to come.*

**22 November 2008**

## Alberta Liberal Board of Directors Meeting

*More information to come.*

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**28 November 2008**

## Calgary Area Leadership Forum

The three candidates for leadership of the Alberta Liberal Party will gather to exchange views in this Calgary-area forum.

**Location:** John Dutton Theatre, 616 MacLeod Trail SE, Calgary

**Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Finish Time:** 9:00 p.m.

**29 November 2008**

## Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert AGM

**Location:** #37 The Club House, 2A Fieldstone Drive, Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 3E7

**Start Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Contact:** President Colleen Soetaert at p(h): 780-459-3233 or e:

[colleensoetaert@gmail.com](mailto:colleensoetaert@gmail.com)

**13 December 2008**

## Leadership Selection: Leadership Announcement

The new ALP Leader is announced at an event in Calgary.

## Fundraising

Thanks to the leadership of **Judy Wilson** and **Kieran Leblanc**, the Saturday night convention tribute dinner to Kevin and Jeanette was successful in raising money for the Party. We have high hopes for the corporate campaign in progress and we will be mailing an individual ask to the membership later this month.

But you don't have to wait until then to be asked, please consider making a donation at [www.albertaliberal.com](http://www.albertaliberal.com) or by mailing in a cheque to 10247 124 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5N 1P8. The government will give you a generous tax credit and your donation will show your support of our continuing work.

The tax receipt table is below:

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200	150.00	50.00
250	175.00	75.00
500	300.00	200.00
1,000	550.00	450.00
1,500	733.33	766.67
2,000	900.00	1,100.00
2,300	1,000.00	1,300.00

\* 75 per cent tax credit applies to annual donations of up to \$200, 50 per cent for the next \$900, 33 per cent of the last \$1200. See table for additional tax credit information.

Well, that's it for now. Email us at [office@albertaliberal.com](mailto:office@albertaliberal.com) or visit us at [www.albertaliberal.com](http://www.albertaliberal.com) if you have questions or concerns. If you have something you'd like to see in this newsletter next month please email Tyler Mudrey at [tylermudrey@albertaliberal.com](mailto:tylermudrey@albertaliberal.com) and he'll see about getting it in.