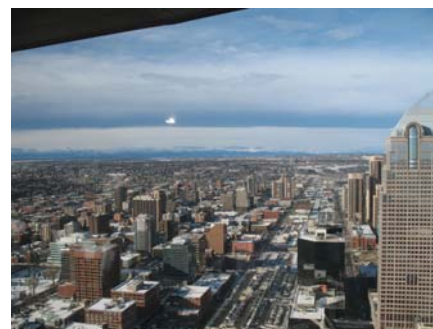


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This Month...



Message from the Executive Director

As I look out my office window, the effects and value of change come to mind. The season is about to change and we will adjust from enjoying the hot summer weather to finding creative ways to stay warm over the coming winter. The vagaries of Alberta's weather aside, our party is changing as well. Kevin Taft has announced his intention to resign as leader, and we already find ourselves in the midst of a contest to replace him.

Change, to me, represents a new beginning--an opportunity for a fresh start. I feel a keen sense of loss at Kevin's resignation, a sense that we are losing his incredible talents and skills. Yet, Kevin's stepping down from his role as leader offers someone else the chance to step up. Already we see what some in the media have called a "surprising" interest in the leadership as a number of credible candidates step up to the plate to offer us their unique strengths and skills. To me, it's not a surprise at all. This Party remains strong and has been made stronger through our work in the past few years to pay down the debt, to improve organization and finances in the constituencies, and to attract quality candidates and organizers.

The effort continues, our work is never done. We have a solid base to build on, and we will have to continue to work hard, starting now, to raise the funds and build the profile of the Party for the next election under the new leader. Change might be the order of the day, but our values and our commitment to Albertans won't change – we will continue to proudly offer a real choice for a better province and a healthier democracy.

A committee of wonderful volunteers is planning the 2008 convention on October 4 and 5 -- we hope to see everyone there!

Kieran Leblanc
Executive Director, Alberta Liberal Party

Convention

Alberta Liberals from across the province will gather in Edmonton for our annual convention. The year features discussions of change. It will start with guest speakers talking about democracy in Alberta. Breakout sessions will discuss change within the Party and within the democratic system itself. It will also be your first chance to hear the candidates for the leadership discuss their competing visions of the future in a leadership candidates' forum.



The Saturday evening event will be **a tribute to Kevin Taft and Jeanette Boman**. We are working hard to make this a memorable and fitting thank you to Kevin and Jeanette for their years of service. Tickets are available for the dinner to people who **won't** be attending the full convention and is part of the convention fee for people who do attend.

We sent convention information to all members in the mail a few weeks ago. Please send your registration in as soon as you can. For those who didn't receive the information, visit www.albertaliberal.com for more details.

Leadership

As everyone knows, Kevin has announced his decision to step down as leader of the Party. At the last board meeting, a process was put in place to select his successor. The process will be a "one member one vote" preferential mail-in ballot. All members will have a ballot mailed to their homes which will allow them to rank their choices for leader and then mail it back in. The deadline for membership sales will be November 7th. The voting will take place after the deadline (dates to be announced), with the winner announced in Calgary on December 13th. The official rules are posted on the website; information about the official candidates will be posted after they file their papers.

Several candidates have already expressed their intention to run including (in alphabetical order): former Edmonton-McClung MLA Mo Elsalhy, Calgary-Mountain View MLA David Swann and Calgary-Currie MLA Dave Taylor. Candidates have until September 30 to submit their papers with 100 members' signatures and their \$10,000 entry fee to make them official candidates for the vote.

Constituency Association Partnership

At our last AGM the Executive and Board put out an urgent request for constituencies and candidates to transfer surplus funds to the central Party so that campaign debts could be paid down. We're pleased to report that 23 constituencies and candidates

answered the call and transferred enough money to make a sizeable dent in the campaign debt.

These members deserve thanks from the Party and its membership. Thank you so much for your help and partnership; thank you for looking beyond your constituency towards your party as a whole!

Upcoming Alberta Liberal Events

27 September 2008

Stony Plain Annual General Meeting and Potluck

Location: Bill Fraser's residence at 53029 Range Road 11 (1 mile west and 1 mile north of the Stony Plain overpass on Highway 16A)

Time: Potluck at 6:00, AGM 7:00

Contact: Ross Akins 780-963-6612 or Bill Fraser 780-963-6077

4 October 2008 - 5 October 2008

Annual ALP Convention and AGM

Location: Best Western Westwood INN, 18035 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton 780-483-7770

Contact: For more information and to download the forms visit www.albertaliberal.com or call 1-800-661-9201 (780-414-1124 in Edmonton)

8 October 2008

Calgary-Bow Annual General Meeting

Location: Silver Springs Community Association Building, 5720 Silver Ridge Drive NW, Calgary (288-2616)

Time: Registration 6:00, Meeting 7:00

Contact: Carol Gilchrist 403-247-9731 or carol-gilchrist@shaw.ca

Fundraising

It is a reality in Alberta that political parties are funded solely through the donations of members and supporters. We know that we ask a lot (and will surely keep asking) but without your support the Party simply won't function.



Some key people have answered the call to help with fundraising initiatives over the summer to bring in essential funds so that we can keep operating. We'd like to single out for special recognition five people who helped us with specific initiatives. **Jeanette Boman's** Two by Two for Democracy: Women Leading Change has raised many thousands of dollars so far. **Tony Sansotta** in Calgary led a team of fundraisers in calling individual members to ask for donations. Thank you to

Tony, his fundraisers and to all the members who donated their thousands of dollars to the Party! **Gerry Hart** has put in many hours planning our fall corporate campaign which is a big job that is essential to our success. **Carrol Jaques** has been working her way through the Rutherford club list to solicit renewals and we have had several people renew. Finally, **Irene Hunter** in Edmonton, a long time supporter and strong volunteer for the Party, took time to call the executive of each constituency and ask for their leadership in supporting the Party financially. Thank you to Irene, Carrol, Gerry, Tony and Jeanette for their long hours of service in what can be a difficult job.

Going forward, we will start our annual corporate fundraising campaign in September and we have high hopes of raising enough money to keep the Party reasonably healthy for the near future.

Once again though, it comes down to you. Haven't joined the Decore Plan or made a one time donation yet? Please do so, every little bit helps and makes a big difference. As the saying goes "He who moves a mountain starts by carrying away small stones." It will take the individual efforts of many Albertans, so please pick up your stone (of any size) and we *will* move this mountain. The tax receipt table is below:

Donation	Tax Credit	You Pay Only
\$25	\$18.75	\$6.25
50	37.50	12.50
100	75.00	25.00
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 or visit us at 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 and he'll see about getting it in.