

"ONWARD & UPWARD!"

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Nancy Southern, Consumer's Choice Awards
"Business Woman of the Year" Presentation



MLA Dave Rodney after presenting to the
Calgary 401 Scouts, Woodbine School



with Jack Isaman @ the Lions Club's
"History of Alberta" Book Launch (for all AB School & Public
Libraries!)





Throne Speech with Lieutenant Governor Kwong

It's been a very interesting season in our constituency, and in the province! I have truly appreciated the opportunity to speak with constituents on all sorts of issues lately-especially with respect to health care and PDD-and including accessing services and grants. Some of the other local highlights have included: participating with parents, teachers, trustees in the Calgary Public School Board's "Building Strong Communities Through Education"; a 3-page article in the Calgary Herald on "Enviros" (AADAC's new youth residential wilderness program); and meetings with key stakeholders re: Park Re-vitalization.

Up in Edmonton, I've been very busy responding to the Speech from the Throne, speaking to numerous bills, and attending many committee meetings.

In the middle of March, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Legislature-an interesting time to consider how much has changed in the past century! Since 1905, we have gone from the age of life-or-let-it-kill-any(!) medical care, to medi-care, to the search for an even more efficient system.

The proposed policies for our new health system (which we are currently debating*) include:

1. putting patients at the centre
2. promoting flexibility in scope of practice health professions
3. implementing new compensation models
4. strengthening inter-regional collaboration
5. reshaping the role of hospitals
6. establishing parameters for publicly funded health services
7. creating long-term sustainability and flexible funding
8. expanding system capacity
9. paying for choice and access while protecting the public interest
10. deriving economic benefits from health services and research

* Constituents, please be assured: I will fight for the best and highest quality health system possible, regardless of ability to pay-with the biggest return on investment for your tax dollars. Always, I welcome your feedback in this regard.

GOOD NEWS:

to April 1, 2005 and is aimed at staff recruitment and retention. This increase brings the PDD total budget to \$499 million for this year. (There are 9,200 Albertans currently receiving services and support from the program.)

* Please let me know if you require assistance re: scrolls to celebrate milestones/achievements!

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