

“ONWARD & UPWARD!”

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I sincerely hope that our centennial year has been a fabulous one for you and your loved ones; and I look forward to an even better 2006 for each and every one of you! It looks as though we are poised for exactly that, as MacLean’s magazine announced Alberta is *“the most prosperous and best place to be in the world”*; and Nova Scotia Premier John Hamm said *“we believe your economic success is good for our entire country”*.

While the above may be true, we must remain diligent in continuing to build for the future of not only our province, but for our country, community, and family as well. Along those lines, here is a quick update on the activities of your MLA:

- Meeting with *constituents and community/ charity/educational/health/business/utilities leaders*—individually, with Calgary Caucus, and as a Government Member in Edmonton
- Meetings with *all of our community presidents* to discuss common areas of concern, and strategies for success within and amongst our communities
- *Visits to community schools, churches, and community associations* to share mementos of the centennial, and congratulate and thank everyone for their contributions to Calgary-Lougheed, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and beyond!
- *Serving as a good-will ambassador*: “For the Love of Children (Alberta) Society Santa Express” for less fortunate children

- *Attending meetings for the Fish Creek Rehabilitation Project and the South-West Ring Road (I won't quit working on these two until everything is completed—hopefully sooner, rather than later!)*
- *Bringing greetings on behalf of Health Minister Iris Evans to the 9th Annual Wellness Walk—to kick off National Addictions Awareness Week*
- *Bringing greetings on behalf of the Premier to the “Concert of Sacred Music” at the Jack Singer Concert Hall*
- *Personal/Professional/Political Presentation to the Pages of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (I can't wait to watch the future unfold for these future leaders of our province!)*
- *Meetings with Dr. Colleen Klein, Dr. Bob Westbury, and our AADAC Board to discuss future directions in the battle against crystal-meth and other addictions facing constituents of all ages.*
- *Contributing to meetings of: Economic Development & Finance Standing Policy Committee, Legislative Offices, and Public Accounts*
- *Being an active participant in our fall Legislative session: including making Speeches on Bills and making Member's Statements*

IMPORTANT “GOOD NEWS” NOTICES:

- *IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN WHO ARE 8, 11, OR 14 YEARS OLD, you are eligible for a \$100 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Grant—each year (as a result of passing Bill 54 in our last session)! Please contact us at the office or visit www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/aces/ if you have any questions!*
- *Curriculum Handbooks for Parents 2005-2006 and Curriculum Summaries 2005-2006 for Kindergarten to Grade 9 and Senior High School are now available, and have been posted on www.education.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks*
- *An additional \$550 million is being invested from this year's surplus toward the Access to the Future Fund (as follow up to our Bill 1 from the spring); and more than \$10 million has been committed to create over 1,000 additional post-secondary spaces in the province this year through the Access Growth Fund*
- *Clients of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) can now apply for extra benefits and increase their earning power through working, as well as benefit from changes to how extra income affects their living allowance. These changes came into effect October 1, and follow increased to the AISH living allowance in April, 2005. Please contact if you have any questions!*
- *for a copy of the Seniors Programs and Services Information Guide 2005-2006, please*

contact us today!

- for additional information on all sorts of topics, please visit www.assembly.ab.ca and/or www.gov.ab.ca (or call 310-0000)
- www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca has been recently overhauled! Please visit this one-stop site, which gives access to online services, forms, publications, financial resources, and licenses for virtually all government programs and services!

INVITATION FOR RECOGNITIONS:

Please contact our office if you would like to nominate someone who:

- is an exceptional leader as a teacher or principal--for the *2006 Excellence in Teaching Award* (before February 3!). I would be very pleased if we received numerous nominations—I know from first-hand experience that we have incredible educators in our riding--and it would be wonderful to celebrate their efforts!
- demonstrates their commitment to promoting fairness, protection, and awareness of the provincial marketplace (beyond the requirements of consumer protection legislation) for the *Alberta Consumer Champion Awards* (before Jan. 13!).

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE RE:

- any issue of provincial jurisdiction
- securing scrolls and/or medallions to celebrate milestones and/or achievements

DON'T FORGET: JANUARY 23 IS ELECTION DAY...

- please exercise your right to help choose our next Federal Government!