

From the Diary of a Pre- School Teacher :

My five-year old students are learning to read. Yesterday one of them pointed at a picture in a zoo book and said, "Look at this! It's a frickin' elephant!"

I took a deep breath, then asked..."What did you call it?"

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Recognizing Community Volunteers



Shani Schierholtz – 2009 Recipient of the Leader of Tomorrow Award



Essrossini Tziganis, Paros On Main – 2009 Recipient of the Ambassador Award



Jennifer Ingram – 2009 Recipient of the Soul of Airdrie Award



Airdrie Citizens On Patrol (Dick Durda accepting) – 2009 Recipient of the Volunteer Advocate Award

AIRDRIE, AB - On April 22, 2009, community leaders, volunteer award nominees and their guests were invited to partake in the National Volunteer Week celebration at the Town and Country Centre for the bestowment of the Volunteers of the Year Award.

“It is so important to recognize volunteers who willingly sacrifice their time and energy, dedicating themselves to vital services in the community,” says Clay Aragon, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Coordinator, City of Airdrie. “Everyday someone in Airdrie is volunteering to make a difference. They volunteer because they believe in the importance of helping their neighbours, supporting causes they believe in, and contributing to their community.”

The theme for this year’s celebration was “100 Years of volunteering” recognizing present-day volunteers and Airdrie’s pioneer volunteers.

“2009 is Airdrie’s Centennial year. At the event, we wanted to capture the essence of Airdrie by presenting this year’s volunteers in a way reflecting Airdrie’s roots and highlighting its future. As well, we invited Volunteer Airdrie because we truly believe they will be instrumental in shaping volunteerism and community spirit in Airdrie,” says Aragon.

Hosted by Marty Lawrence of the Range 106.1 FM, members of the Community Services Advisory Board and Mayor Linda Bruce announced and presented art pieces to the following award winners:

1. Shani Schierholtz – 2009 Recipient of the Leader of Tomorrow Award. The Leader of Tomorrow Award recognizes a youth who have shown leadership in Airdrie through his/her volunteer involvement.
2. Essrossini Tziganis, Paros On Main – 2009 Recipient of the Ambassador Award – An award conferred to an Airdrie Citizen (proprietor) or a business entity making an outstanding contribution in promoting Airdrie as a place for community and opportunity through volunteerism and philanthropy.
3. Jennifer Ingram – 2009 Recipient of the Soul of Airdrie Award – An award conferred to an Airdrie citizen who has made an outstanding contribution as a volunteer in the fields of art and culture, athletics, social and community services, and/or governance. This individual demonstrates a passion for helping others become resilient contributing members of the community.
4. Airdrie Citizens On Patrol – 2009 Recipient of the Volunteer Advocate Award – An award conferred to a not-for-profit organization, a volunteer-comprised grassroots committee and/or a community group demonstrating community leadership by engaging citizens through volunteerism.

This year’s event was made possible by the contributions of staff and volunteers and the funding supports of the City of Airdrie, Volunteer Alberta and the Wild Rose foundation.

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The Ride to Conquer Cancer is an 200-km, 2-day bike ride on June 27-28, 2009. All funds raised through this event benefit the Alberta Cancer Foundation, which supports patients dealing with cancer today as well as research to prevent it in the future.

One of the local teams participating in this ride is The Airdrie Amazons. Meagen, Christina, and Kim all work together in Airdrie, and are eagerly training, both in the gym and (weather permitting) cycling through town.

A fundraising night is being held at Dick's Pub & Grill on Saturday May 30 from 5-9 pm. Advance tickets are available from Herbal Magic (starting April 20), or through Christina at (403)463-5823. Each \$15 ticket is good for a beef or chicken burger, a salad, and a drink. That night, there will be several silent auction items available for guests to bid on, as well as a 50/50 draw.

For more information or to donate, please visit the Airdrie Amazons on www.conquercancer.ca.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Links: Girls Night Out - a fun night with activities, door prizes, & snacks for girls ages 11-14. Tuesday, May 5th, 6 – 8:30pm @ Community Links, 125 Main St. N. Space is limited.

In Support of Team What If ??? Jake & Kevin Hughes on their Ride to Conquer Cancer is having an on-going bottle drive. If you would like to donate your refundable cans and bottles, call 403-948-0092 and the boys will swing by and pick them up. Apr 2/

Seniors Week: Hosted by Airdrie Seniors Outreach, Bethany Care Centre, Cedarwood Station, Fletcher Village, and Luxstone Manor will be held June 3, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Over 50 Club –Town & County Centre. Entertainment – Brooke Towers. Cake, Beverages and Fun. All Seniors welcome.

EMPLOYMENT

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GARAGE SALE

Woodside Seniors Association Garage Sale, 411 Woodside Drive N.W. Airdrie, AB.

Friday, May 8, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

2768 Coopers Manor, May 2 & 3, 9-3 pm

273 Woodside Road, May 2, 9:30-2:30 pm, misc items.

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KUDOS

I would like to thank the two young men who assisted me. I was attempting to cross 1st St. NW, & the two young gentlemen came to my aide, by helping me and lifting my walker over the snow-banks. Thanks to you both.

LOST/FOUND

Lost, a chocolate Labrador; 8 years old, male, neutered, wearing an old collar. Answers to "BRONCO". Lost in the Carstairs area the afternoon of Apr. 16th 2009. Please call 403-860-4316 if you have seen this dog or know the whereabouts of this dog. 30/

Found: Woman's 21 speed bike Mar.26th in the soccer field behind RJ Hawkey school. Call to identify. 403-948-2880. 23/

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