

**Welcome to the 2014
Scenic Acres Community Association
Annual General Meeting**



**Monday March 30th, 7:00pm
Scenic Acres Community Centre**

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Mission and Vision Statements

The Scenic Acres Community Association's (SACA) mission, vision and values reflect people, community and performance, working towards success. The SACA is built on a sharing foundation, thinking broadly without losing sight of its local roots to provide our members and the community residents with the attention and respect they deserve.

SACA Vision: A clean, safe, family oriented place to live where all residents have access to various programs and services that meet their needs so they enjoy a real sense of community.

SACA Mission: A vibrant and sustainable community that is safe and attractive, where residents have a sense of pride, community spirit, and are proud to live.



**Scenic Acres Community Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
March 31, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Erickson	Jim Palmer	Dawna Bell-Reed	
Michelle Parkkari	Partho Mukherjee	David Wright	Steve Ward
Gerald Yamamoto	Ray Hillman	Ike Zacharopoulos	

GUESTS:

Katie Thorpe - City of Calgary Paul Meunier - FCC

MEMBERS: 33 resident members were represented at the meeting

NON-MEMBERS: 2 non-resident non-members observed the meeting

The meeting was held at the Scenic Acres Community Centre and was called to order by SACA President Dean Erickson at 7:11pm.

1. **MOTION**

That the agenda for the March 31, 2014 AGM be approved.

Ray Hillman/David Wright Carried

2. **MOTION**

That the minutes of the March 18, 2013 AGM be approved.

Partho Mukherjee/Sandy Palmer Carried

3. **Introduction of Board Members.**

Dean Erickson introduced the following board members: President, Dean Erickson; Vice-President, Jim Palmer; Secretary, Michelle Parkkari.

And the remaining SACA Directors and those wishing to be elected as directors: Partho Mukherjee; Gerald Yamamoto; David Wright; Dawna Bell-Reed; Steve Ward, Ray Hillman

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Katie Thorpe - City of Calgary and Paul Meunier - FCC

5. **President's Report**

-Deployment of the LEAF program

-The Building is in high demand, many events and programs

-Dale retired and we have a new representative on city council Councilor Ward Sutherland

-all reports are available in the AGM package, please review and ask questions if you have any. The Board members will be available following the meeting.

-We lost our friend and board member Jim Clampett this year.

6. **Tribute to Jim Clampett (Treasurer) by Jim Palmer and Paul Meunier**

Jim spoke about Jim's many contributions to both SACA and other organizations.

Paul read a tribute letter from Leslie Evans, the President of the FCC

7. Presentation of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Vice President Jim Palmer presented the financial report as audited by The FCC. SACA is in good financial standing with over \$800,000 in assets. The revenue is positive and generated through rentals, programs along with grants and casino. This year the revenue was \$288,817. Ruth spoke to questions about Sports revenue. After answering questions from the floor, Jim proposed the following motion.

MOTION

To accept the 2013 audited financial report as presented.

Joel Falk/Steve Ward Carried

MOTION

To retain the FCC auditor for the 2014 year end financials.

Ike Zacharopoulos/Ray Hillman Carried

8. LEAF - Ike Zacharopoulos

Ike briefly summarized where the LEAF program was to date.

- by-law passed in May 2013. SA worked with the city to get LEAF going
- 400 hectares of grass cut in SA (12cuts last year)
- over 100 tree wells cleaned up on boulevards
- \$231,000 budget was all spent. 22 additional flower pots will be added in 2014.
- Key upgrades will be at the entrance sign on Nose hill and the entrance at the Church along with the park at the T-intersection on Scenic Acres Blvd.
- The city will grade all the city parks to prioritize work
- The city will continue to be the service provider, "better bang for the buck" and they received endorsements from other communities

Questions: Will more trees be added?

Ike said that trees are outside of the LEAF program but with that said, LEAF is talking with the city about adding more trees to the BLVD and pruning existing trees.

Ike encouraged residents to call 311 with concerns.

9. Election of New Directors

Dean Erickson asked the membership if there was anyone from the floor who wished to stand for election to the board. This was asked three times. The following motion was then presented.

MOTION

To elect the following people to the SACA Board of Directors:

John Hecker

Gerald Yamamoto/David Wright Carried

Steve Ward

Ray Hillman/Dawna Bell-Reed Carried

Ike Zacharopoulos

Gerald Yamamoto/Partho Mukherjee Carried

10. Re- Election of Directors for an additional term

MOTION

To re-elect the following people for additional terms

Michelle Parkkari

Ray Hillman

Partho Mukherjee

Steve Ward/David Wright Carried

11. Paul Meunier made 3 presentations for Community Hero Awards:

Michelle Parkkari, Michelle Darnforth and Fiona MacDiarmid

12. Any Other Business

Update on French School in Scenic Acres

- Our Councillor and MLA were not aware
- Concern over losing our amenities
- Dean spoke to Francophone School Board requesting SACA's involvement going forward
- Need to gather community support to form a committee
- Residents can go to the SACA website to follow the links
- St. Vincent De Paul School will be moving into Mons. Doyle School for up to 2 years while their school is being renovated.
- SACA will set a meeting date for residents on the Francophone School issue. Please look for information via email and on the website.

13. Adjournment

Dean Erickson thanked everyone for attending and invited the attendees to stay for some Cheese and Wine and to meet the Board.

MOTION

To adjourn the 2013 SACA AGM at 8:15 pm

Ray Hillman/ Partho Mukherjee Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Michelle Parkkari
Secretary, SACA

SACA Board of Directors Listings

President, Jim Palmer: Jim recently retired from Shell after over 33 years, generally serving in leadership roles as Finance and Business Manager for Canadian downstream and oil sands operations based in Toronto, Calgary and Fort McMurray. He has also been a Project Manager for business projects with a North American scope. In terms of volunteer activities, he has served on the SACA Board 2001-2009, 2013-present as Transportation Director and VP, leading LRT projects; Dalhousie Station operations phase, Crowfoot Station all project phases as well as Stoney Trail north route construction. He served as Board Secretary and General Manager for Wildcats Football Association, Board Secretary for his church, Vice-Chair of Wood Buffalo YMCA, Chair of Wood Buffalo Subdivision and Appeal Board. He has recruited, coached and mentored people for 30 years and has led many business process improvement, control, reporting and governance initiatives. He has been married to Sandy for 32 years and they have three adult children.

Vice President, Dean Erickson: Dean has worked as a sales and business development manager in the insurance industry for over 20 years. He has not only been a hockey coach for many years but served as Director of Coaching for CHA. Dean was President of SACA and though he travels extensively, provides continuity and guidance in his current role as VP. Dean and Susan have two teenage boys.

Secretary, Michelle Parkkari: Michelle has been living in Scenic Acres for almost 14 years with her husband and three children. Michelle works at Queen Elizabeth High School with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and volunteers at the Crowfoot YMCA. Michelle's family moved to Scenic Acres when the new elementary school was announced and enrolled their oldest child for the first Junior Kindergarten class, the rest as they say is history. Michelle has been on the SACA board for 8 years, in the role of secretary for the past 5 years. Michelle started as a school liaison before becoming a board member, and even had the role of Vice President for a short while before becoming secretary. Michelle will be transitioning her role to Larissa Roszell.

Secretary, Larissa Roszell: Larissa will succeed Michelle Parkkari as Secretary. Larissa grew up in rural northeastern Alberta and attended the University of Alberta. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics. Larissa worked in Oil and Gas Accounting for about 7 years until starting a family. Larissa and her husband Neil have three children and have been in Calgary for 19 years, all of them as residents of Scenic Acres.

Treasurer, Rebecca Li: Rebecca joined the SACA Board as Treasurer this past July. She is currently Controller of a small oil and gas service company, having held several accounting roles in private business. Rebecca's education includes BBA, MBA degrees and a CGA designation. She has significant experience in planning, financial modeling and reporting including budget preparation, variance analysis, forecasting and preparation of financial statements. Rebecca has lived in Scenic Acres for a number of years and has a teenage daughter. She is excited to use her accounting expertise to contribute the Community Board.

Director, Community Development David Wright: David Wright has been an active volunteer for over 35 years, his involvements tracking his evolving personal, professional, family, public education and community interests. He has held positions ranging from national president of his sport's governing body through to senior member of his profession's Discipline Committee. He and Louise have lived in Scenic Acres since 1998 and have two grown children. David has served his term and will be transitioning his role to Lee De Korte.

Director, Community Development, Lee De Korte: Lee and his family are relatively new to Calgary. They moved here from Ottawa two years ago and have been living in Scenic Acres for a year. They really like the neighbourhood. Lee and Marian have four grown children, with their youngest daughter still living with them. He is an electrical engineer working for General Dynamics on a program for the Canadian Land Forces. Most of his career has been spent in computing and telecommunications. Since moving, through a job transfer, he has started to explore Calgary to get a feel for the city. The mountains also play a big role in his leisure. Lee believes it is important to know what is going on around us and community involvement is a practical way to do that. Previously he was a director with a community association in Ottawa. His interest is quite broad, ranging from the natural environment to city planning and governing. In the coming years he hopes to make a contribution to the community and get to know more residents.

Director, Steve Ward: Steve Ward has been involved with the SACA board for almost 2 years. He is currently working as a Maintenance Supervisor at the University of Calgary. He and his lovely wife Jane have an energetic 18 month old son. They have been living in Scenic Acres for 5 years and of all the neighbourhoods they have had the pleasure of living in, this is by far their favourite.

Director, Parks & Environment Ike Zacharopoulos: Ike led the initiative to mobilize the community to fund a special tax used fully to maintain and enhance community green spaces. He now leads the LEAF subcommittee who manage this annual maintenance program. Ike has extensive experience with property and employee legislation and has handled case work for various companies over a long career. Ike and his wife Julie have two grown children and have lived in Scenic Acres many years.

Director, Crowchild Hockey Association Rep, John Hecker: John is a Respiratory Therapist and has worked at several Calgary facilities over the past 22 years in addition to being a contributing Board member to the development of his profession. He has been heavily involved with kids' sports teams and school volunteer programs. John has served as an assistant coach and manager for multiple hockey teams over many years. Due to heavy work and volunteer commitments, John will be transitioning the CHA rep role in 2015 to Mike Helm.

Director, Crowchild Hockey Association Rep, Mike Kelm: Mike and his wife Karen have lived in Scenic Acres for two years and have three children. Mike will be assuming this role from John Hecker.

Director, Sports & Affiliates, Jason Scott: Jason has a passion for community-oriented sports programs and would like to see our youth be able to grow up with fond memories of what our community has to offer so they feel a desire to come back and make Scenic Acres home. Jason has extensive experience and knowledge coaching multiple sports and running athletic programs for youth. He has experience managing sports activities in a special education setting including program and curriculum design. Jason and Sylvia have lived in Scenic Acres for two years and have three young boys.

Director, Gerald Yamamoto: Gerald has lived in Scenic Acres community since 1987 and has been a board member for several years. Presently he is the Senior Rep for SACA. If residents have any issues concerning community programming he would be more than happy to bring them to the attention of the committee. He spent most of his life in the automotive and forestry industries. Presently he is retired and enjoys golfing and working out at SAIT. Gerald is completing his term on the Board.

2014 President's Report

The Scenic Acres Community Association turns 30 in 2015 and on the life cycle curve, we have progressed from a 'new' community on the perimeter of the City with accelerated development and growing families but limited activities, to a 'mature' community with empty nesters/adults, residential development focused on renewal but a strong and sustained portfolio of programs, club operations, services and events. Having moved here in 1993, I am amazed how many residents have chosen to remain in Scenic Acres through life changes and often moving but staying within the Community. When I transferred from Toronto, I was told Scenic Acres was a prime place to live with a stable residential base and indeed our neighbours/friends are still here with us; a few years later, the Montreal newspapers touted Scenic Acres as a good location for CP employees to consider as they moved to Calgary placing us on the national stage.

The SACA has grown dramatically during that time, constructing and improving our facility and lands, leveraging assets to contribute with stable revenues and managing operations efficiently; working collaboratively with a host of affiliate organizations providing programs to fit resident preferences. Over the years, the SACA has advocated successfully related to initiatives within and beyond our boundaries in cooperation with politicians and government officials. The SACA boasts one of the highest membership participation rates among Calgary's 150 community associations and thanks to you, we have a strong base of volunteers who maintain and participate in a long list of events and programs that keep the community spirit alive!

The SACA has delivered strong results because we have had competent representation on our Board. Directors understand the history and dynamics of the Community, guiding wisely on a variety of operations and project activities and are committed to see initiatives through to completion. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge the many contributions of a few faithful Directors who will be moving on. Ray Hillman has been the SACA President a few times as well as Sports Director. He is articulate, a strong leader and advocates with insight and passion for our Community. In addition, Ray provided advocacy related to the Sports facility ultimately being constructed in Rocky Ridge for Northwest residents. Dean Erickson has led the SACA as President and possesses strong relational skills that he has leveraged for the benefit of Scenic Acres on a number of issues involving the SACA operations and affiliate interactions. I am pleased he remains as Vice President to provide his guidance to me personally. Michelle Parkkari has served on the Board as a school liaison, temporary VP and most notably as Secretary for the last five years. She has been instrumental to keeping us on track and organized! As you would expect, these people have busy personal lives and contribute as volunteers in other capacities. I am deeply grateful for their contributions, guidance and faithfulness and I hope you join me in thanking them and wishing them the best as they transition to other challenges.

I would also like to thank David Wright and Gerald Yamamoto for their contributions to the Board and Community throughout their tenure.

The Community Centre continues to host programs that operate most hours of each weekday, involving participation from both local and other Calgary residents of all ages; customers from all over Calgary rent our facilities most days of the year for a variety of personal events; the SACA coordinates community events every month of the year; sports programs flourish on Scenic Acres open space lands and facilities. The coordination and administration of these multiple and concurrent activities is managed with excellence by General Manager Ruth Sorrentino, staff and volunteers and with gratitude from the SACA.

The second year of LEAF operations was adeptly handled by Ike and his team with visible green space improvements in addition to regular maintenance. The Save Our Park Committee and volunteers worked tirelessly for smart development which will have positive implications for further City and Provincial development of regional schools and urban plans. The SACA continued to participate and advocate for urban and commercial policies and initiatives led by David Wright that included policy and zoning changes, regional school plan, surrounding Northwest residential area structure plans and transportation corridors. These activities take several years to finalize.

The SACA 2015 Business Plan is available on the website and outlines plans for stronger governance policy, sustaining and progressing green spaces, integrating the regional school project, enhancing affiliate relationships. Delivery of these plans can only be executed with faithful volunteers and as the saying goes... 'many hands make light work' so consider how you can help.

In closing, I would also like to thank Ward 1 Councilor Ward Sutherland and MLA Sandra Jansen for guidance, resources and support to the SACA operations and advocacy through 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Palmer, President SACA

2014 Treasurer's Report

In a separate document are the 2014 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Heidi Brauer, CMA. Below offers a summary of SACA's financial situation.

2014 Financial Review and Highlights

- SACA is financially stable as of December 31, 2014
- 2014 Membership revenue increased slightly from 2013
- 2014 Community Program revenue increased slightly from 2013

2014 Financial Highlights in detail:

- 2014 resulted in a deficit of (11,129) compared to a revenue of 21,592 in 2013 mainly due to lower casino revenue recognized
- Revenue decreased by \$47k mainly due to Crowchild skating \$28k and reduction in casino revenue and recognized grant \$20k
- Expenses decreased by \$14k mainly due to less Crowchild skating activity.

	2014	2013	Variance
Revenue	242,084	288,817	(46,733)
Expenses	253,213	267,225	(14,012)
Excess of Revenue (Deficit)	(11,129)	21,592	(32,721)

- 2014 Administration Expenses and Building Operation Expenses are consistent with 2013 results.

	2014	2013	Variance
Administration Expenses	24,233	23,642	591
Building Operation Expenses	127,880	128,313	(433)

- We have seen decrease in unrestricted cash from \$72k to \$46k, a \$27k decrease since 2013. However, we have seen an increase of \$53k in net property and equipment value. It went to \$673k from \$620k. The increase of property and equipment is mainly due to the office expansion project in 2014.

	2014	2013	Variance
Unrestricted Cash balances (\$)	46,334	72,939	(26,605)
	2014	2013	Variance
Property and Equipment (\$)	673,268	619,791	53,477

2015 Budget Highlights

For 2015 Budget, revenue is budgeted at \$248k which is \$6k higher than 2014. Expenses are budgeted at \$261k which is \$8k higher than 2014. The result of the year would be a deficit of \$13k which is comparable to 2014 level.

			2015	2014	Variance
Revenue			248,220	242,085	6,135
Expenses			260,825	253,213	7,612
Excess of Revenue (Deficit)			(12,605)	(11,129)	(1,476)

If you have any questions relating to the Audited Statements or any of the summary information above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Li, Treasurer, SACA

2014 Community Development Report

In Community Development in 2014 we saw one issue from my 2013 report, the cell tower, begin construction in February, 2015. Four issues from 2013 carried-over, and one potential new one, secondary suites, is emergent.

Cell Tower: Expect the tower's construction to complete in late Q2, 2015. We are not aware of any plans or initiatives to improve the city's tower siting protocols as a result of the deficiencies this particular tower's siting revealed.

Revera (carrying over for a second year, potential development at 8720 Scurfield Drive): the SACA office had received some indication in January, 2015 that the proponents may again be advancing their plans to develop this site. We have requested an update from Councilor Sutherland's office as to whether anything new is being raised with City Planning, and await a response. Expanding from last year's report and informed from our experience with the Stream 4 Development Permit Application process we went through with the Francophone School I now have no confidence that the nearby residents and the Scenic Acres community will be well-served by the process. There is an ever-so-slight chance that the "explore" phase (a most significant, but as-yet-still-not-implemented part of the Transforming Planning enhancements of 2013) may be introduced, and to Stream 4 applications, before the next proposal for the site arises.

Pragmatically though, we should now rather expect an opaque, non-transparent process particularly lacking in pre-consultation from Revera, or whoever the next proponent may be. As I did last year, but with added urgency, and I encourage the adjacent residents to resuscitate now their committee and promptly challenge the Councilor's office as to why they, and Scenic Acres, cannot expect better.

Noise Levels - Stoney Trail (carrying over and updating slightly from my 2013 report, perceived increase in sound levels): Our attempts to secure follow-on City-provided noise sampling along Stoney Trail in spring of 2014 were, apparently, not supported by the current Councilor and did not, to our knowledge, occur. The province is still expected to conduct their own follow-up noise testing in 2015 now that the Stoney Trail - Nose Hill Drive interchange project is essentially complete. Repeating from my 2013

report, from my reading of the earlier noise surveys conducted by Alberta Transportation, I continue to believe it is quite plausible that residents, particularly those closest to Stoney Trail, and whom are more sensitive to ambient noise, will perceive as significant a noise increase. However, I continue to accept the earlier studies' conclusions that it remains highly unlikely that any compliant sample locations within back lots of private homes in Scenic Acres will, in the near to intermediate future, exceed provincial minimums. The 2015 Provincial follow-up reports, when available, may further inform this earlier position.

ATCO Pipelines Urban Pipeline Initiative - (UPI) (carrying over a second year): ATCO Pipelines received regulatory approval of their full UPI program in late 2013. We should continue to expect the new construction within the Stoney Trail Transportation and Utilities Corridor (TUC) in 2016 and 2017. I remain confident Scenic Acres residents will still be included in the information sessions nearer to the time of construction, solely because of the involvement of the AEUB. Left solely to the City and Alberta Transportation it is unlikely any information sessions would occur. Regardless, do not mistake these information sessions for further consultation, this is a done deal.

New Francophone School – Jim Palmer's separate report will cover this comprehensively, and address the plans for continuing community input through the construction and initial operations of the school. I'll write here briefly only to the Stream 4 Development Permit Application's Community Context Questionnaire and resident commenting process in which I assisted. My compliments and thanks to all (SOPC and SACA members and other involved community residents) who put so much time and effort into both helping me with the information sessions we found ourselves having to run (in the absence of the proponents doing so) and then their commenting directly to the City's File Manager; and whose comments, analysis and photos I also carried into the SACA submission of the Context Questionnaire. You did yourselves and your community proud, to my mind.

Once again, my sincere apologies for my misunderstanding that all our comments would be considered and fully addressed in a 'Reasons for Decision'. In fact, the vast majority of our comments were ignored completely in the final Notification of Decision document of October 2014.

Secondary Suites – We were approached by three residents later in 2014 contemplating applying for the Land Use Re-designation (a LOC application) which is currently the first of two stages in applying to construct a 'legal' secondary suite in most R-C1 zoned areas of Calgary. I scrambled to gain for SACA some objective knowledge on the topic in anticipation of such applications and have, to date, never found a single comprehensive and balanced source for same. The first of the potential LOC Applications came in late December, 2014 and, with SACA Executive input and support, I submitted our comments ahead of the closing date of January 22, 2015. This LOC Application was to be heard as a specific LOC bylaw at the Monday March 9, 2015 City Council meeting, but now appears to have been re-scheduled. If, when presented and voted on, the City Council approves the bylaw, the applicant would then be free, if they wish, and at a timing of their choosing, to initiate the second stage, a Development Permit Application for the suite itself.

I have researched and written extensively on what I have found to date about the subject of Secondary Suites in Calgary and am always open to an informed discussion with SACA members and Scenic Acres residents.

Maintaining Currency: Beyond my research on Stream 4 Applications and Secondary Suites, for maintaining currency in the Community Development process in 2014 I attended two Transforming Planning sessions and a Crowchild Trail Corridor Planning Process session.

Into 2015: We do have some plans for sub-committees this coming year and, particularly, if you're interested in the secondary suites or the Revera lands, I urge you approach the SACA office, Jim Palmer or myself.

Please contact me directly at davidwright2@shaw.ca or through the SACA office, if I can assist with any questions you have on this report or with new concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted by,
David Wright, Director Community Development, SACA

2014 Facilities Report

SACA works hard to ensure both the indoor and outdoor facilities owned and operated by the association are well maintained and well utilized. In 2014 SACA once again applied for funding through the Capital Conservation Grant program offered by the City of Calgary. These grants allow SACA to apply for projects listed in our Lifecycle Plan. In 2014 we completed the replacement of the backsplash and counter tops on the Kitchen, Boardroom and Washrooms as well as the replacement of the vanities in the washrooms. We were also successful in receiving funds to complete the repair of a void between the sub floor and exterior foundation, as well as installation of a panic bar on our external door in the storage area which brought our building up to current emergency exit compliance. SACA would like to thank the City of Calgary for continuing to support our operations by providing grants, which enable us to keep up with necessary facility maintenance. In 2015 SACA will again apply for funding through the Capital Conservation Grant to upgrade some of the lighting fixtures in our facility to be more energy efficient and to replace the VCT flooring in the Main Hall, Cloakroom, Washrooms, Kitchen and Storage area.

Funds attained through our Alberta Government Community Facility Enhancement Project (CFEP) grant application were applied to completing a much needed expansion to our front office area. The SACA Office is now more than twice the size it used to be, which will enable us to better serve our members and rental clients while maintaining proper file management and providing a more conducive working environment for our staff and volunteers.

We are currently waiting for a response to our application for the Sponsor Energy's Charity Energy Aggregation Program (CH.E.A.P) and hope to see significant utility savings as a result.

SACA continues to support the building of two outdoor rinks; however, due to a shortage of volunteers, this was not possible this year. The rinks were always very well received, but more people are needed to step up and volunteer to help flood and maintain the rinks for SACA to provide these winter facilities in the future. If you would like to see the rinks back for 2015-16 please e-mail scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca to let us know how you can help.

I would like to thank Ruth Sorrentino, General Manager of SACA, for her tireless efforts in developing our Lifecycle Plan. Ruth has played an integral role in sourcing out and securing the grants and funding that have made this plan sustainable and has ensured continued improvement to SACA. If you have any questions regarding any of our facilities please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Ward, Director Facilities, SACA

2014 Marketing & Communications Report

Over the past year we have continue to analyzed the websites of our neighboring communities as well as our own and as a result made some refreshing changes to our official website which is at www.scenicacresca.ca. We invite you to take a look as highlights include a more welcoming home page with color, images and content; streamlined content to be more user friendly; added community history; added a listing of benefits of a SACA membership to show value and encourage new memberships; an updated events page including a sign up link for volunteers; an updated programs and facilities page; addition of helpful links; and a listing of our board and executive members. I would like to sincerely thank Julie Fujimoto for volunteering to be our webmaster.

Our regular communication source continues to be the Scenic Review which is our official monthly newsletter that is published by Suburban Journals, delivered to all homes in Scenic Acres by Canada Post. In 2014 we re-launched our Facebook page as a Business Page where we have over 400 people who "like" us. This page is used to provide the community with timely reminders, links to affiliates and information on issues impacting our community as well as to inform the community about lost and found items, or any topic we feel would be of interest and use to our community members.

We will continue to discuss how we can use social media effectively as a network to positively connect our residents. We continue to send regular email updates, as per our updated Communications Policy, a couple times per month to be used for time sensitive information such as Calgary Police Alerts and Snow Event Advisories, along with

community events and programs. Should you like to receive these regular emails please contact us at scenicacresca@shaw.ca so your contact information can be updated in our records.

If you are interested in supporting SACA by taking on the Role of Director Marketing and Communications please contact Jim Palmer at scenicboard@shaw.ca or 587.969.4951.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Parkkari, Secretary, SACA

2014 Parks and Environment Report

We now have the second year of the LEAF program behind us and we thank those of you who have taken the time to provide feedback regarding the program to date. We hope you have been following the LEAF updates published in the Scenic Review.

In 2014 the LEAF program has continued on the work started in 2013. In 2014 the LEAF program continued to fund all turf maintenance (regular mowing and trimming, aeration, weed control, fertilization, etc.) and beautification work (a total of 27 flower planters and 5 in-ground flower gardens, spring clean-up and park garbage pick-up) in Scenic Acres. The work was in accordance with the vision communicated to the community at the start of the program; that is, first addressing existing assets and then making beautification improvements as funding allows.

In summary, the results realized were very much in keeping with our expectations at the start of the year. The City's Parks Department did a great job of following up on our requests, notwithstanding the challenges presented by "Snowtember", and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Our plan for 2015 is to continue with the improved maintenance of our green spaces, including a cycled cleanup/refurbishment of our neighbourhood parks. We will continue to maintain the flower displays including the flower pots, our community entrances and the in-ground feature displays. The long term vision is to address community needs that will benefit the community at large. To that end, the program will continue to expand from the most traveled corridors out to neighbourhoods in keeping with our financial abilities.

We heard from some regarding the late start to this year's LEAF program; we have discussed this with Parks and are working on a better process for spring 2015. A key concern for the LEAF program is the planned development at Scenic Acres Park which proposes to consume nearly 20% of the site. This would be a substantial loss of open and recreational space to the community and is certainly contrary to our efforts to enhance our public green spaces. The LEAF program was a key component of the community's discussion with the City, School Boards and Province. Unfortunately, the requests from SACA and the Save Our Park Committee for an objective analysis

of the impact the proposed development would have on Scenic Acres Park have to-date gone unheeded.

You will have received notification of next year's LEAF levy and noticed that, as per our commitment to the community, the fee has not changed. It is still an annual fee of \$60 per year, per property. The funds will continue to be spent entirely in Scenic Acres on public green space maintenance and enhancement. We look forward to providing ongoing improvements in our community and receiving your comments.

City policy does not allow for LEAF programs to engage or invest in tree care. However, the LEAF committee is supporting the NeighbourWoods program in our community in 2015. In 2015 Scenic Acres' residents will have the opportunity to apply to be residential tree stewards, and pay a \$30 registration fee per sponsored tree to be planted on the boulevard or back-of-walk space in front of or adjacent to their property, on City-owned land, providing there is sufficient space. The City will provide the trees to be planted, prepare a planting site, provide tree care information and provide a treegator watering bag per tree for gradual water release. Residential tree stewards will be responsible for choosing and planting the tree(s), watering and monitoring the tree(s) for pests and diseases, and informing Parks by contacting 311, of any issues or concerns. More information on this project can be found on the SACA website.

In closing, kudos go out to the LEAF Committee of Barb, Julie, Lorna, Marg and Simone and to Rukshan for his work on NeighbourWoods. Their efforts on our community's behalf in 2014 have resulted in the improved appearance and health of our community green spaces.

Respectfully submitted,
Ike Zacharopoulos, Director Parks and Environment, SACA

2014 Sports Report

Over the past year a number of sports were offered to community members either by the SACA or through affiliations which the SACA maintains with other sports groups. A short summary of each is given below. If you are interested in starting a sports group please contact the office. We are always looking to expand on our current offerings.

SACA Sports Programs

Beach Volleyball: The SACA once again offered its own Play and Train style Beach Volleyball Program for Youth. The program focused on teaching volleyball skills to enable registrants to play at a recreational level. The courts were also left open on a regular basis to allow for drop in play.

Norwest Soccer Association (www.norwestsoccer.org). Norwest Soccer (a sub-committee of the Scenic Acres and Silver Springs Community Associations) provides recreational outdoor soccer for ages: U4 to U8 which is co-ed and within each of the parent communities, U10 to U14 boys & girls teams who take part in inter-community house leagues within Northwest Calgary and U18/16 which is co-ed and also participates in an inter-community house league within NW Calgary. The SACA would like to thank

Chair Dino Sorrentino and all of the other Norwest Board Members for volunteering their time to coordinate this program.

Scenic Acres Ladies' Recreational Outdoor Soccer for ladies over 18 years of age. The SACA would like to thank Fiona MacDiarmid for volunteering her time to coordinate this program.

Adult Slow Pitch for both men and women over 18 years of age. The SACA would like to thank Laurie Bell for volunteering her time to coordinate this program for 2014.

SACA Affiliated Sports Programs

To participate in any of the programs listed below you must have a valid SACA membership throughout the entirety of the program. The SACA membership is best purchased directly through SACA; however each of these affiliates will also accept registration money from Scenic Acres residents which they then forward to the SACA.

Calgary North West Ringette (www.nwringette.com): Offering Ringette to over 400 athletes in NW Calgary to make 32 teams from Petite up to the U19 level.

Calgary West Soccer Association (www.calgarywestsoccer.com): Offering CMSA Competitive Outdoor Soccer and Recreational and Competitive Indoor Soccer for ages U6 through to U18

Crowchild Hockey Association (www.crowchildhockey.org): Offering programs from Tyke through to Junior. CHA has seen decreasing registration levels for the past few years. In an effort to increase numbers and be compliant with a new ruling passed by Hockey Calgary that mandated all associations have between 650 and 950 players, CHA entered into a test merger with the Westwood Hockey Association.

Crowchild Skate Club (www.crowchildtwin.org): Offering Parent & Tot, Learn to Skate, CanSkate and StarSkate.

West Valley Softball (www.silverspringscommunity.ca). For children and youth age 8 to 18.

We welcome Jason Scott as our new Director Sports and Affiliates. If you have a passion for sports and are interested in supporting Jason in his new role please contact SACA President Jim Palmer at scenicboard@shaw.ca or 587.969.4951.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michelle Parkkari, Secretary, SACA

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

SACA Bylaw Revision

The SACA Bylaws provide a skeletal accountability framework for the Association including purpose and requirements.

In order of priority, the Association is managed by the following documents:

1. Bylaws
2. Terms of Reference (TOR)
3. Policy
4. Procedure

The TOR elaborates on bylaw requirements and translates them into practical actions and activities. Policies are topic-specific and developed on an 'as need' basis to run the operations of the SACA effectively while procedures spell out the details associated with the policies. Bylaws are approved by the SACA membership and Board and all other governance documents must align and conform to Bylaw directives. The TOR and specific policy, depending on subject, are approved by the Board while operational policies and procedures are developed and enforced by the General Manager.

The Bylaws were revised for the following reasons:

1. Eliminate policies & procedures, transferring to the appropriate governance document
2. Provide more clarity around AGM and Special Meetings requirements
3. Clear definitions around SACA committees
4. Establish core portfolios essential to the ongoing effectiveness of the Association
5. Ensure individual Director accountability for core activities in addition to other initiatives that surface from time-to-time
6. Establish requirements for performance goals, measurement and assessment
7. Express concepts with more concise wording

Once approved by the SACA membership, the Bylaws are registered with the Province. Thanks to the Federation of Calgary Communities, Paul Meunier for his quality and best practices assessment and guidance. The TOR revisions are in progress and a review of policies and procedures is also proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Palmer, President SACA

Addendum - Specific Revisions

Section 1

- No changes

Section 2

- Additional definitions for committee types and core portfolio
- Elimination of program definition

Section 3

- Improved conciseness
- Additional definition of Associate Senior Member
- Elimination of Program Contact Lists requirements

Section 4

- Clarification of special business requirements for AGM agenda
- Less prescriptive requirements for reconvening AGM if required
- Special General Meeting requirements changed to prescribed number of members from percentage
- Addition of proxy voters not part of quorum and requirements related to ballot vote

Section 5 (significant changes)

- Added/changed governance structure definition for SACA operations
- Added Director requirements to assume specific responsibilities
- Powers and Duties of Board and meeting procedures made more concise with less policy specifics
- Change in number of Director requirements and mandatory minimum number
- Descriptions for Standing Committees

Section 6 (significant changes)

- Identification and definition of Risks as well as review to eliminate or mitigate
- Definitions for Affiliates, Conflict of Interest and Community Representation
- Eliminate any opportunity for remuneration of a Board Director

Sections 7 & 8

- No changes

Scenic Acres Park Initiative

There has been extensive, detailed communication on the initiative to retain the full use of Scenic Acres Park and I will summarize the work completed through 2014 and early 2015.

Context - Community Association Advocacy Principles

The SACA considers situations differently than individual residents. Projects are assessed from a holistic approach and undertaken only if they fit the criteria of both being in the best interest of the broader Community as well as betterment for the City. SACA's advocacy mandate includes engaging with ideas and concepts will all affected parties and taking an objective course of action. The SACA, a volunteer-operated, non-profit organization can only proceed with initiatives if tangibly supported by a majority of residents; if managed by a designated group of volunteers willing to commit time and resources for the length of the endeavour; willing to work under the governance of the

Association. Overarching values include promoting strong ethics and transparency. Historically, within the context of major projects, there are many specific examples where SACA has demonstrated these principles. The Scenic Acres Park project met these criteria and adhered to SACA requirements of conduct.

Scenic Park Initiative Premise

Rationale for preserving the Park from any development:

1. The extensive use of all land and assets successively for nearly 30 years serving Northwest residents for both organized and unorganized sports and events
2. Local schools are established and struggling with declining enrollment.
3. No objective criteria was used to select Scenic Acres Park for development
4. Scenic Acres Park is established as an asset within the City's Urban Park Master Plan

Key Facts

1. The original school envelope footprint from the early 1980's was to accommodate the local public school which eventually was constructed in the north part of Scenic Acres. At one time, there were plans to construct a junior high school in the Community; a closer use definition to a regional facility, but that facility was to be placed in the northern portion of the Community.
2. The public school envelope within the Park was declared surplus in 2005 and by law this portion was to be designated as Municipal Reserve with land transferred to the City. The remaining green space was already owned by the City.
3. Though the proposed regional school was to service the Northwest quadrant and there were many options available to ensure the optimum site chosen, a limited number of 'surplus only' sites were considered. From that list, there were more appropriate sites available considering the regional nature of the facility – proximity to major roadways and minimal intrusion to established neighbourhoods with associated community associations prepared to welcome the development and the City willing to accelerate any land title changes that might need to occur. One site already had a bus loop constructed to service school buses.
4. The activities involved with selecting Scenic Acres Park transpired in late 2011 and only became known to Scenic Acres and our local politicians when the announcement was made by Alison Redford on February 24 2014.

5. The special tax LEAF initiative to fund enhancement of green spaces in Scenic Acres was completed in 2012 and implemented in 2013 with City Council approval.

Tactical Engagement

The Save Our Park Committee (SOPC) and other volunteers educated residents on the initiative, leveraging several local events, door-to-door solicitation, and extensive use of electronic media. The original project intent was a moratorium request on the current school project work and re-assessment of land selection. A petition was signed by 3700 individuals; this endorsement is far beyond representative requirements. The petition was tabled in the Legislature in December by MLA Sandra Jansen. In addition, there were numerous supportive letters written and calls made by residents to politicians and officials. All sports organizations using the Park provided their endorsement. Both Councilor Ward Sutherland and MLA Sandra Jansen advocated to preserve the Park and tangibly contributed by hosting meetings, coaching the SOPC team, providing manpower resources, speaking publicly and brokering ministerial meetings.

The SACA argued the requirement to preserve the Park and re-assess land selection from a factual and logical viewpoint related to insufficient business planning, no objective and robust selection criteria, violations of the City's own policies (Joint Use Agreement, Open Space Policy), lack of public engagement, extensive current use of the Park and the availability of other viable options. A position paper was published based on this logical, factual approach. Two meetings were convened with politicians and government officials during 2014 but it was very clear their intent was to present construction plans only; not consider land selection alternatives.

The Development Plan (DP) for the school was received in August and the SACA hosted a number of resident engagement sessions to gather and compile Community input, providing constructive suggestions in written form to the City as per DP policy. The City did not consider these submissions in their desire to accelerate approval.

Legal Process

Initially, the SACA had no intention to pursue this initiative through legal channels but in response to Community resident advocacy and as part of the due diligence process, agreed to have a lawyer with land development and municipal expertise assess our case with the Board endorsing and partially funding this review.

Through research, we discovered that though the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) had complied with various policies including the Province's approval to surplus the lands and had initiated the re-designation of the school envelope as surplus, the City had not followed through to transfer the land title in 2005; this changed the initiative direction to a legal concern. Separate funding was available through donors previously committed to financial support of legal action. The parties agreed to work expeditiously to ensure a timely decision so that construction would not be impeded if the ruling went in favour of the Defendants.

The court documents are lengthy but in summary, we based the action on the Defendants' failure to transfer the CBE's portion to the City required by law, which would have made it Municipal Reserve. We argued this task should have been

completed in 2005 and any re-designation to a school site would require a City Council decision based on established authorities. If we were successful, we would have had Councilor Ward Sutherland engage his fellow councilors to protect Scenic Acres Park and he was aware of this requirement. Lands and properties were transferred to the FrancoSud Board in 2011 from the other school boards and approved by City Council. That list identified in detail, location descriptions and addresses but also included a 'one-line statement that four additional sites' would be provided. We argued City Council, as with the other transferred sites, would have to be apprised where those four additional sites were located and formally approve them; specifically in relation to Scenic Acres Park. We also highlighted a number of other violations of City policies and the lack of policy on reserve lands from anecdotal comments received from City administration.

The Defendants argued the 'one-line statement that four additional sites' was sufficient authorization to proceed and there was no need for City Council to provide further approval; the committee that manages school reserve lands can essentially take back reserve lands for any public use and that any further delays would escalate construction costs.

The Justice agreed that the Defendants violated the legislative intent but also believed the City administrators could just re-designate the land back to a school site based on the presented information and testimony (though no policy exists on this matter). He felt that since the Province and City supported the FrancoSud school development, it should proceed; a statement the SACA supports as well. At time of writing this report, the written judgement has not yet been received. The Justice was within his legal right to rule as he has done based on the Municipal Government Act (MGA). The law provides considerable latitude to governments though we may disagree on the factual rationale leveraged in the decision process.

The SACA believes there is a difference between government-supported development and smart development decision-making; Scenic Acres Park being a well-utilized location already, with better regional sites available. The testimony of the City reflected their intentions to convert reserve lands at their discretion but there are no examples of this practice occurring nor is there any related policy in the Joint Use Agreements (JUAs) supporting this practice.

The SACA/SOPC has always been cordial with the parties and we respect the Justice's decision and will support and initiate project work to integrate the regional school into the Scenic Acres Community; construction is expected to commence in April. I am deeply grateful for the passionate and faithful work the SOPC and volunteers contributed, logging many hundreds of hours.

As a post script, we understand the City has determined they were fortunate to have won this case and have initiated work to correct all title change requirements they have failed to complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Palmer, President SACA

NON-BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

2014 General Manager's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Zacharopoulos, Michelle Thomson and Pat Bell for their hard work to further the work of SACA. Michelle Thomson retired at the end of 2014, and we welcome Rachel O'Hara-Scully in her place. I am blessed to be supported by such dedicated staff and key volunteers who enable SACA to provide the variety of quality Events, Programs, Facilities and Services to the members of this community.

Community Events

Residents of Scenic Acres once again enjoyed a variety of wonderful community events in 2014. SACA's events are designed to **foster community pride, enable residents to share, cooperate and get involved in their community**. Most events cater to all ages allowing many residents to connect with neighbours. SACA is fortunate to have a pool of wonderful volunteers, without which our events would not be possible. However, each year recruiting new volunteers has been an increasing challenge. If you enjoy our events but you haven't yet volunteered your time to help out at one, please consider doing so. If you're looking to meet people in the community, volunteering at one of our events is also a great way to connect. We can only continue to provide these quality events if we have the volunteers to make them happen. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Palmer at scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca.

The following is a summary of the SACA Events from 2014:

- **Appreciation Events:** In 2014 in partnership with Silver Springs Liquor Store, SACA held two "Appreciation Events". The first in May was a Wine Appreciation, the second in October was a Beer Appreciation. Both events were sold out to members who came to sample and learn about a variety of Wines and Beers presented by the knowledgeable owners of the Silver Springs Liquor Store. We hope to partner to offer more events like these in the future.
- **Bubblegum Boogie Dances:** These dances occur once every two months and run for 2 1/2 hours on a Friday evening. The dances are open to students in grades 4-6 who are members of the SACA. In addition to a DJ who provides the music, lights and most of the entertainment, the kids enjoy a concession as well as door prizes. These supervised dances are well received with attendance of around 100 children. The cost to attend is \$10 per dancer which includes entrance to the dance as well as one drink and one snack. If your child enjoys these dances please consider volunteering as a chaperone by e-mailing scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca.
- **Christmas Shopping Extravaganza:** Held on Saturday November 22nd various resellers of mass produced product such as jewelry, food, clothing and cosmetics amongst the items for sale. In addition, another basket raffle, which products donated by the vendors, raised money for Calgary Food Bank.
- **Christmas Craft Sale:** Held on Saturday November 29th this annual event continues to be extremely popular with crafters from around the city. Vendors selling their handmade jewelry, Christmas décor, knitting, painting, and clothing are a sample of the wonderful items available for sale. This year the funds raised through the gift baskets filled with items supplied by the various crafters was donated to the Calgary

Food Bank.

- **Breakfast with Santa:** Due to the high demand for tickets to our first Breakfast with Santa event in 2013, this year we offered 2 sittings; one at 9am and again at 10:30am. Both sittings were once again sell outs! Families enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, Spolumbo sausages, coffee, juice and organic mandarins from Amaranth, while being entertained by the Just For Fun singers who managed to have Santa join them for one of the songs. Members of the SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) group entertained the little ones helping them to make Christmas Tree decorations and all children attending the event had a chance to visit with Santa in his grotto where they made their Christmas present requests and Santa gave them a gift.
- **Community Clean-Up Day:** On Saturday June 7th the community centre parking lot was bustling with vendors ready to take our junk and recyclables. The line of up cars and trucks in front of Monsignor Doyle school never stopped as families came to drop off yard waste for composting, garbage for the city garbage trucks, electronics and metal for recycling and gently used items of Women In Need to re-sell. This annual event will take place once again this Spring on Saturday May 30th. This year we will have all of the above vendors as well as Bow West Appliances and Calgary's Best Shredding.
- **Pumpkin Giveaway:** Hosted by SACA and sponsored by Leslie Schmeiler of Re/Max House of Realty, this event held on Saturday October 25th raised cash and food donations for the Calgary InterFaith Food Bank. Community members tall and short brought food bank donations and then selected their perfect pumpkin from our large pumpkin patch of over 200 pumpkins. They then mingled with neighbours over a Hot Chocolate while family members participated in fun activities lead by members of our SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) group.
- **Family Day Skate:** For a couple of hours on the Family Day afternoon the outdoor rinks were made available to everyone in the community. Sticks and pucks were not permitted to ensure we had a safe environment for all in the community. The SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) group planned a fun Olympic themed scavenger hunt for all participants to take part in, as well Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows to warm everyone up.
- **Movie in the Park:** This event attracts hundreds of people from around our community as well as surrounding areas. The pre movie activities include games for the kids and a bounce house, climbing wall and magic show. The movie, Rio 2 was shown to an audience bundled up in their blankets and sleeping bags. The Northwest Youth Volunteers supervised some of the activities as well as the canteen table which was a huge success. Adult volunteers helped us collect suggested donations of \$20 per family \$5 per individual to help us offset the cost of this popular event.
- **Parade of Garage Sales:** This event takes place every year in June and provides an opportunity for residents to sell their own items and also buy a few new treasures. This year resident realtor Bill Hamilton once again co-sponsored the sale with SACA. Community maps and addresses were made available at the community centre as well as for download from on our website.
- **Post-AGM Wine & Cheese Social:** In 2014 we paired fine wines with exquisite cheeses which all attendees of the SACA AGM were invited to sample. While the wine and cheese was sampled, members chatted with SACA directors and staff about many ways to improve life in Scenic Acres in an informal social setting.

- **Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza:** The Annual Spring Fling was held on Saturday May 24th. Resellers of 24 different home party products rented tables and previewed their new Spring/Summer lines for anyone interested in seeing what the different lines had to offer without feeling the pressure to host a party. A raffle basket with goodies from the vendors raised funds for the Women In Need Society.
- **Stampede Breakfast:** This event continues to be one of the highlights of the year. Live music, line dancing, and a fabulous pancake breakfast! Once again the weather cooperated and we had a high turnout of approximately 2000 people. Highlights were the Stampede's Harry the Horse, the Cranbrook Bugle Band, Chinook Country Line Dancers, two Bouncy Houses, the Little Red Fire Truck from Larry Clayden and entertainment from local performers "Ph Unbalanced".

As a not-for-profit, the SACA is constantly reaching out to the business community to support our initiatives and community events. In 2014 we were supported by a number of local, regional and national sponsors. We were also fortunate receive financial support through some grants. We received cash donations, product donations and direct sponsorships for portions of events from the sponsors. We recognized them through our robust advertising which included signage at the event, mention in the Scenic Review, website presence and in some instances, media mention in our public service announcements. As we continue to develop our events and grow our sponsorships, we will continue to pursue additional sponsors and work with them to develop an equally beneficial relationship. We would like to take this additional opportunity to thank all those who helped us in 2014:

- Appreciation Events, Wine and Beer: **Silver Springs Liquor Store.**
- Breakfast with Santa: **Amaranth, Spolumbos Fine Food & Deli; Spring Hill Dental Centre.**
- Pumpkin Giveaway: **Leslie Schmeiler Re/Max House of Realty**
- Movie In The Park: **Ward Community Events Fund**
- Parade of Garage Sale: **Bill Hamilton of Re/Max Mountain View**
- Stampede Breakfast: Platinum: **SACA, Allstate (Crowfoot); Spolumbo's Fine Foods & Deli; Gold: The Cooperators Insurance (Crowfoot); Scenic Acres Dental Centre; Hon. Sandra Jansen MLA. Silver: Expressions Dental Group; Amaranth Whole Foods Market; Crowfoot Plates; Charlesglenn Toyota Scion; Crowfoot Dodge Chrysler Jeep; Mountain View Optometry. Bronze: ATCO Gas; Ed Williams Menswear; Knibbe Automotive; Village Honda. Supporter: Playtime Rentals; Crowfoot Safeway; Tony Roma's; Cllr. Ward Sutherland**

If you or your company would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ruth at scenicgm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589.

Programs

The SACA provides numerous programs for a wide variety of community members. SACA also provides in-kind sponsorship to other program providers to enable them to provide programming for our community members, which is in line with the SACA Strategic Plan. The following provides a summary of our Registered Programs as well as Drop-in Clubs and Groups.

Triple A: Triple A stands for the Alliance for Active Aging, which is a collaborative effort by six (6) local community associations (Dalhousie, Edgemont, Montgomery, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs and Varsity) to work together to provide programming and social opportunities for adults 55+. The following outlines our current regular Triple A programs. Each group/club is coordinated by a volunteer from within the community, with the support of the SACA. All attendees must have a SACA or Triple A Membership. Attendees are also charged a small fee of \$2 or \$5 (if a full day gathering) to help SACA offset our high facility costs.

- **Ladies Social Coffee Craft Club:** Every Monday morning at 9am with one full day per month including a pot luck lunch; no need to be a crafter, ladies looking to come out and chat are also very welcome. Thank you to Jeri Orr for coordinating this group.
- **Single Ladies Get Together:** A group of single ladies have been meeting for coffee at the Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. This group has grown each month, and the ladies frequently get together between meetings.
- **Quilting Club:** The quilting group get together on the third Tuesday of the month for a full day of quilting. Thank you to Jeri Orr for bringing this group together.
- **Book Club:** Meeting on the first Tuesday of the Month from 1 to 3pm this group gathers to discuss a different book. Thank you to Audrey Winkler for leading this group.
- **Walking Club:** The walking club continues to be very popular. Thank you to Kathleen Vernon for leading this group.
- **Fun & Games:** Wednesday afternoons 12:45 to 3pm Card and Games, 3 to 3:30pm Coffee/Tea and Conversation. Thank you to Ron Crowther for leading this group.
- **Artist Gathering:** A number of locals who dabble in art join together on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon of the month (1:00 to 3:00pm) to work on their art projects in the company of others. Thank you to Katharine McFarquhar for informally leading this group.

Are you 55+ and looking for something else? We are always open to expanding our program offerings where demand exists. If you have an idea for another club or group please contact me (scenicqm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589) to discuss possibilities.

Adult Programming: The SACA continues to provide a variety of exercise classes for adults such as **Intermediate Yoga, Tai Chi, Line Dancing Beginner and Advanced Beginner, Yoga Flow, Yoga Basics and Pilates & Props** during the day as well as **Bliss Yoga, Evening Zumba and Evening Yoga** in the evenings. In 2014 we offered two of our evening classes throughout the summer which was also very popular. We are constantly looking to better meet the needs of our community members, so if you have an idea for a class, please contact the SACA Office. Thanks to our volunteer coordinators we were once again able to offer **Women's Soccer** and **Adult Slow-Pitch**. If you are an adult in the community interested in facilitating a drop in club or program please contact the SACA office.

Youth Programming: SACA offers both outdoor **Volleyball** and outdoor **Soccer** programs to youth. The **Norwest Soccer** program for U18/U16 continues to be one of the fastest growing age group within the association. Maria Doll has continued to offer her **Leadership Matters** courses for children and youth in the community. In the Fall of 2013 with the help of youth rep Madison Savilow SACA launched **Scenic Acres Youth (SAY)** with an invite to all youth 12 to 17 to come out and have their SAY. This group

continues to meet once per month at the community centre, and gets involved in leadership and volunteer opportunities in our community. In 2014 the group planned and executed our **Family Day Skate** an Olympic themed event for families as well as **Laser Tag In The Park** a youth night for SACA Members in Grades 7 through 12. 40 Junior High aged students came out to participate in an outdoor Laser Tag tournament and other fun games. The night was a huge success. The group being mentored by 3 university aged SACA Members is working on planning another youth event called **Amazing Race Scenic Acres** where teams of youth in Grades 7 to 12 will race around Scenic Acres visiting well known and lesser known points of interest/landmarks in Scenic Acres to earn points. This event will take place on May 29th. Many SAY members also volunteered at the Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza, Bubble Gum Boogie dances, Stampede Breakfast, Movie In The Park and the Pumpkin Giveaway.

Children's Programming: The SACA has seen a decline in the number of very young children in our community. Due to lack of demand 2014 saw both our Community Playgroup and Pre-School Dance classes come to an end. **Norwest Soccer** continues to be popular for children, and many of our affiliates such as **Crowchild Hockey Association, Crowchild Skating Club** and **Calgary West Soccer** continue to provide programs for the younger members of our community. Through our many rentals SACA members can also participate in **Music Classes, Scouts, Guides** and **Mini-Sport Classes through Sportball**.

Facilities

The Main Hall and Palmer Boardroom continue to be in great demand. The Main Hall is booked well in advance for special events such as Weddings, Anniversaries and Family Celebrations. An increasing number of members are also opting to host their children's birthday parties in the hall, either providing the entertainment themselves or by bringing in a party provider such as Mad Science, Sportball or Butterfield Acres to provide the entertainment. The SACA office has a binder containing information on various party and special event service providers for SACA members and other renters to peruse in the office when planning functions.

The following outlines our various regular renters, but we also rent to a large number of SACA members and other groups for one off events, meetings and workshops:

- **SACA Palmer Boardroom:** The Palmer Boardroom is receiving more and more interest as a place to hold meetings as well as after-school programs, clubs, workshops and birthday parties. Not only does SACA hold a number of clubs and meetings in the space we also rent to groups such as the **Qigong Wisdom, Kings Christian Centre, Leadership Matters, Music & Play** and **Staying Alive Services**.
- **SACA Main Hall:** The Main Hall is booked at least 50% of the time during the day and on weekends, and 100% of the time during week nights, with a wide variety of programs provided by the SACA and various renters such as **Beavers, Sparks, Child Safe Canada, Happy Tails Dog Training, Kings Christian Centre** and **Sportball**.
- **Beach Volleyball Courts:** The SACA provided programs in the Beach Volleyball Courts and we also received a number of rentals from individuals and groups such as **Bowness High School, Bears paw Volleyball Club** and **Alberta Volleyball**. We look forward to continuing to provide programs and the use of our courts to other school and community groups as well as individuals and organized teams.

- **South Field: Sportball** continues to rent the South Field (the grassed area to the west of the Volleyball Courts) to provide summer soccer programs for 2 to 5 year olds.

Services

The SACA Office is open five days a week to serve our members (M, T, Th, F 9-3 and W 9-5). We are continually looking for new ways to serve our membership. Consequently, we are now offering Commissioner for Oath services to members. We continue to field many questions and offer advice on a wide variety of topics. In order to remain informed on issues affecting Scenic Acres, SACA actively maintains relationships with other agencies who provide services to Scenic Acres, so we can refer anyone in need of additional supports the most appropriate agency.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above and the work we do to support SACA please contact me scenicgm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589.

Respectfully submitted by,
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