

DECEMBER 2014

Candy Cane Lane Until JAN 04, 2015

This December tradition sees approximately 200 private homes along 148th Street, from 100th Avenue to 92nd Avenue, adorned with impressive Christmas light displays. Edmonton's Candy Cane Lane is visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. For more than 40 years, the sights and sounds of Candy Cane Lane instill the spirit of the holidays in all of us. The colourful light displays and unique decorations bring out the magic of the season for young and old alike. Christmas in Edmonton is not complete without a stroll down Candy Cane Lane. Donations to the Edmonton Food Bank are much appreciated at numerous on-site collection points. Walking the route is strongly recommended. For sleigh ride reservation and more details, visit www.candycanelane.trav-graphics.com.

The 15th Annual Copper Jackets Luncheon "Face Off against Hunger" 12

Come and take part in the 15th Annual Face Off against Hunger Luncheon at the Shaw Conference Centre, Hall D. Presented by the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and the Copper Jackets. Entertainment and live and silent auctions go with a delicious lunch. Tickets: \$100.00 (tax receipt for a portion of the price). Purchase by phone 780.409.5820. If you are looking for a miracle at Christmas, you don't have to look far. Follow the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation on Twitter at @Oil_Foundation for event updates. Anyone wishing to donate auction items can do so to Lauren at lgilley@edmontonoilers.com.

Note: The Christmas Bureau has been in existence in Edmonton since 1940. Fundraisers—large and small... corporate- and community-sponsored—begin in October. Stay informed or launch your own event by visiting www.christmasbureau.ca. Annually, this remarkable organization provides festive meals to Edmontonians—more than 14,000 families and close to 10,000 seniors, singles and couples—in need.

Christmas Bureau Breakfast 16

The 33rd Annual Dentons Christmas Bureau Breakfast sponsored by Dentons Canada LLP, Sobey's and The Westin Edmonton takes place from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at The Westin Edmonton. The tradition of sharing continues with this annual favourite. Enjoy great entertainers while you bid on silent auction items. Visit www.christmasbureau.ca. Contact Jackie Danchuk at 780-423-7197 or e-mail jaqueline.danchuk@dentons.com

Edmonton's Singing Christmas Tree 18-21

In its 47th year, *The Singing Christmas Tree* is the best way to rediscover the joy of the season! Through the beauty of music, dance and drama, travel back through centuries and generations of children to find how a man named Nicholas discovered the secret of joy for others and for himself. For five shows over three days, this Christmas spectacular guarantees to get you in the holiday spirit. Be a part of the magic and come see *The Singing Christmas Tree* at The Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. All net proceeds go to Santas Anonymous. Tickets at ticketmaster.ca or 1-855.985.5000.

Visit www.edmontonsingingchristmastree.com

14th Annual Christmas Bureau Caroling Sing-along 19

What better way to celebrate 74 years of Christmas Bureau cheer than over a lunch hour of exquisite Christmas caroling provided by Edmonton's talented choir community! Arrive at the Winspear early—this

holiday favourite fills seats fast. Admission is free and volunteers will be accepting donations on site. This event is sponsored by the Francis Winspear Centre for Music. Visit www.christmasbureau.ca for updates.

New Year's Eve Downtown 31

The City of Edmonton invites you to ring in 2015 at the 15th annual New Year's Eve Downtown festival. This free, fun-filled, non-alcoholic family event will start inside City Hall at 7pm with kids' crafts and activities, magicians, balloon artists, face painters and live music. The outdoor fun kicks off at 10pm in Sir Winston Churchill Square with music, ice skating and food concessions. The celebration will be capped off with a spectacular fireworks show at midnight.

Edmonton International New Year's Eve Gala 31

Ring in the New Year at The Fantasyland Hotel, Beverly Hills Ballroom—a spectacular evening rated as one of Canada's top 10 NYE galas—in support of The Stollery Children's Hospital. Cocktails at 7 pm, followed by the Gourmet Dinner of Distinction with Cirque du Soleil-style variety show. Dance until 3 am to music provided by DJ Tomski. Silent auction. Formal attire. Tickets: \$150 per person. Call 780-486-9506 or e-mail info@edgala.com for tickets and more information, or book with Ticket Scene. Visit www.edgala.com.

AKSIS Annual New Year's Eve Gala 31

It's party time, AKSIS style! This is what you have to look forward to: Aksis' own specially created New Year's Eve Buffet by the head chef at The Homefire Grill, live entertainment, live band, late night munchies, midnight champagne. Wyngate by Wyndham Edmonton West. Tickets: Student \$30, Member \$50, Non-member \$75. Aksis is a not-for-profit organization created to inspire Edmonton's Aboriginal Business and Professional Community to connect, collaborate and flourish. www.aksis.ca

JANUARY 2015

Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee 1

Members of the public are invited to join Lieutenant Governor David Ethel from 1:30 - 3:30 pm to enjoy light refreshments, view historic Government House and mark the beginning of the new year. Sponsored by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta at Government House, 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton. The event is free. Contact 780.427.7243 for information

2nd Annual Rockin' Charity Yule Ball 3

Support iHuman at a Harry Potter event you won't forget! The Ball features fan favourites: Wizard Wrocker and Leaky Stars winner Amy Voyer, Edmonton's own Sean Sonego, The Whomping Willows and Laren Fairweather. Sponsored by the Edmonton Potterwatch Institute for Charity at the German Canadian Cultural Association. Dinner and dance tickets—\$65—give you access to exclusive entertainment and silent auction items. Dance tickets, \$35. Visit www.eventbrite.ca or contact edmontonpotterwatch@gmail.com

Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival 10-11

The eighth-annual Deep Freeze Winter Festival features The Return of the Vikings! Embrace the cold northern climate by enjoying artistic panache and authentic cultural and heritage winter games and family fun. Don't miss out on this amazing weekend and, as the Viking saying goes, "Let your memory be your travel bag!"

Snow and ice sculptures, old time curling, ethnic foods, dance, street hockey and more along 118th

Avenue from 90th to 94th Streets. This free family event brings together the Ukrainian, Franco-Albertan, Franco-African, First Nations, and Acadian/East Coast communities.

On Saturday, the party really revs up at The Vikings Are Coming Dance—great food, awesome music and lots of fun! Get your tickets in advance as this event has been known to sell out. Arts on the Ave: call 780.471.1580 or e-mail: info@artsontheave.org. On Sunday, the Festival will bring back the Julian calendar and celebrate the Olde New Year with traditional Ukrainian food, melodies, beading, and Cheremosh Ukrainian dance.

Festival-goers can also enjoy the Artisan Market and Gallery Sale featuring over 50 visual and fine craft artists. Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, The Carrot, Avenue Theatre and The Studio (11739-94 Street). The Artisan Craft market in the Anglican Parishes of St. Faith's and St. Stephen the Martyr. Visit www.deepfreeze.ca for Festival details.

MS Edmonton Whiskey Festival 14

The MS Society of Canada, Alberta & Northwest Territories Division invites you to the annual MS Whisky Festival, brought to you by Vines Wines. Please join us for an unforgettable evening of Whisky tasting, art, and music in support of those affected by multiple sclerosis. This is a unique chance to taste whiskies from around the world, and talk directly to distillery representatives. Funds raised help provide much needed services in the community for those affected by MS, as well as help fund ground-breaking research dedicated to finding a cure. Delta Edmonton South. Admission \$85. Master classes \$25 (four different classes run concurrently, limited enrolment). If you are interested in volunteering at the MS Whisky Festival, call 780.463.1190 or email luwam.kiflemariam@mssociety.ca.

The Magic Flute Brunch 18

Before each of the mainstage productions this season, Edmonton Opera invites you to start your opera experience with brunch at the Royal Glenora Club, featuring fantastic food and intimate recitals by the artists starring in the 2014/15 productions. Enjoy a great menu created by the Club's executive chef, free parking and the gorgeous venue. Tickets: \$85 adults, \$35 children; available on-line at www.edmontonopera.com

12th Annual Ice on Whyte Festival 23-FEB 1

The Ice on Whyte Festival starts with the International Ice Carving Competition. The End of Steel Park will be filled with ice and snow exhibits, an interactive children's play area, the famous giant ice slide, games, ice carving lessons and much more. All 10 festival days are filled with outdoor fun. Every day new ice and snow carvings will be created by the Artists in Residence and special guest artists. Come outside to play and stay to enjoy the live music, fashion, food, hot beverages and culturally themed days. Visit www.iceonwhyte.ca for details.

15th Annual Edmonton Pet Expo 24-25

The Edmonton Pet Expo promises a weekend of fun for animal lovers! Held at the Edmonton EXPO Centre, this family-fun event is full of retailers, shelters, breeders, and animals of all shapes and sizes. Sponsored by the City of Edmonton. Give back to your community by supporting local animal-focused charitable organizations, and learn more about the work that they do for animals and the community. Tickets at the door—adult: \$10; children aged 5-11: \$8; family pass: \$25... or on-line. Call 780.490.0215 or visit www.petexpo.ca for more details.

The Edmonton Chamber Ball **30**

The Edmonton Chamber of Commerce's annual Ball is a not-to-be-missed gala event for elite business and political dignitaries. Be entertained by Blue Rodeo. This year, Gord Wiebe, CEO of All Weather Windows will be recognised with the chair's Northern Lights Award of Distinction. Guests are also present for the swearing-in ceremony for the new chair of the Edmonton Chamber's board of directors. This gala is an opportunity for your business to mingle with over 1,800 community, corporate and political decision makers while taking part in one of the year's most enjoyable evenings. Dress: Black Tie or Business Formal. Shaw Conference Centre. Members: \$245 Non-members: \$320. Tables of 10 available. Call 780.426.4620 or e-mail events@edmontonchamber.com, or reserve tickets online at www.edmontonchamber.com

One! International **30** **14th Annual Gala Fundraiser**

This year's theme is Success—Reach for the Stars. One! helps more than 350 impoverished children and their families in Mumbai, India. We want the children to achieve success by reaching beyond their grasp and believing in themselves. Life for children and their families in India is a continuous struggle. One! provides education, helps with the basics of life, and gives hope for a brighter future. Mirage Banquet Hall. Dinner, silent auction and entertainment. Early Bird tickets: before December 31: Adults \$65, Youth/Student \$45, Child \$25; after deadline: Adults \$75, Youth/Student \$55, Child \$25. Contact: 780.457.0389 ortickets@oneinternational.com or oneinternationalgala.eventbrite.ca. Visit www.one-international.com for further information.

FEBRUARY

2015 Alhambresque Evening **5**

The truth about suicide could shock you; more people die from suicides per year than automobile accidents. In 2009, the Crisis Support Centre and MNP partnered together to raise funds and awareness for crisis support and suicide prevention needs in Edmonton and surrounding area. An Evening to Support: a night of fun and entertainment, an occasion to socialize, an opportunity to support the Crisis Support Centre's life-saving programs: 24 Hour Distress Line, Seniors' Abuse Helpline, Online Crisis Support, Suicide Bereavement, Caregiver Support. Francis Winspear Centre. Tickets: \$100. Contact Kate Gallagher at kmgconsulting@shaw.ca or call 780.757.3077. Visit www.crisissupportcentre.com for more information, to make donations and purchase tickets.

Gateway Association **6** **40th Anniversary Celebration**

The organization, incorporated in 1975, works with individuals who have developmental disabilities as well as their families. Gateway envisions a community where all children grow within a family and learn together in neighborhood schools; all adults work at real jobs in the community, have a real home and real friends; and all people are valued, contributing members of their communities. Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall. Tickets, \$40, available at www.eventbrite.ca/edmonton. Visit www.gatewayassociation.ca or call 780.454.0701 for information and opportunities to volunteer.

St. Albert & District Chamber of Commerce Gala **7**

Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, step right up and prepare yourself for an evening of the most shocking, dazzling and awe-inspiring Chamber Gala

ever presented. Gery Schubert, Ring Master, man of many talents and comedic genius, will guide you through the experience that is *Black Tie under the Big Top*. Enjoy cotton candy, salty peanuts and buttery popcorn, and listen to the eccentric sounds of the organ grinder. Witness the dangerous and thrilling acrobatic act performed by Firefly Entertainment. Allow Madame Fortuna to tell you what the future holds. Crowd-pleaser Lewis Lavoie will demonstrate his artistic talents as he creates a masterpiece right before your eyes. Main act features the official swearing-in, by Mayor Nolan Crouse, of 2015 Chamber Chair Barry Bailey, and 1st Vice-chair Ken Macrae. Don't miss this extravagant black-tie escapade! The Enjoy Centre. Tickets: \$125; table of 8: \$950. Visit www.stalbertchamber.com or call 780.458.2833.

Edmonton Firefighters **TBA** **10th Annual Rooftop Campout**

Edmonton Fire Fighters will battle Alberta's unpredictable winter environment to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. They will spend the entire three days on the roof of Fire Station #2, located at 10217 -107th Street. Edmonton Firefighters started the annual Rooftop Campout in 2005, spawning similar events at fire stations across the country. The partnership between Edmonton Fire Fighters Union Local 209 and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services has raised close to \$1 million for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Donate on-line at www.muscle.akaraisin.com or visit the Fire Fighters on the Rooftop at Station #2 to make your donation or drop it off at any local Fire Hall. For more information, contact Jo-ann Burton at 780.489.6322 ext 25 or e-mail jo-ann.burton@muscle.ca

Sturgeon Hospital Foundation **8** **23rd Annual Friend Raiser Gala**

Support the Annual Friend Raiser Gala at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert. An elegant evening to dine, dance and support an extremely important cause. Champagne reception, three-course dinner, wine offerings, live and silent auctions, live dance band. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Events Coordinator at 780.418.7361. Visit www.sturgeonhospitalfoundation.org for updates and details.

AWE Alberta's Best—Nominee Reception **11**

Now in its second year, this evening reception recognizes and honours the 2015 Celebration of Achievement Award nominees as business leaders and *Alberta's Best*. At the 2014 Nominee Reception, AWE hosted close to 300 attendees demonstrating the vast support there is in the province for inspiring women entrepreneurs. Shaw Conference Centre. Tickets: \$75 each or 10 for \$600. Visit the new dedicated website for details and tickets: www.aweinspiringentrepreneurs.com

Valentine's Gala – Edmonton Opera & CapitalCare Foundation **14**

In a marriage between healthcare and arts, the CapitalCare Foundation joins Edmonton Opera in presenting Edmonton's premiere Valentine's Gala. Luxuriate in sights and sounds of opera, fantastic decor, and culinary delights; this fundraiser benefits two organizations working to make Edmonton and area a great place to live. Performances by the Edmonton Opera Chorus and Royal Canadian Artillery Band. Shaw Conference Centre. Tickets: \$500/person; \$5,000/tables of 10. Visit www.capitalcare.net or www.edmontonopera.com

Vinok Worldance **13** **"Unmask Your Wild Side"**

Guests are invited to enjoy the true spirit of New Orleans at Edmonton's favourite Mardi Gras celebration--stroll, eat, drink and, above all, enjoy! Feel free to dress the part; masks are available for purchase. Patrons can also bid on unique items at the silent auction table. All proceeds from the event will help foster further development of the highly acclaimed Vinok Worldance! Chateau Louis Conference Centre. Tickets: \$75 (TBC), available at the front desk, Chateau Louis Hotel, through Vinok Worldance at 780.454.3739 and online at www.mardigras.vinok.ca

Chinese New Year of the Sheep **21** **Celebration**

Arrive early and join the God of Fortune parade. Stage performances by Chinese bilingual schools, drumming and dance groups, traditional dragon dance, lion dances, demonstrations, martial arts and colorful cultural dances. Enjoy hands-on activities, arts and crafts, carnival games, prizes and calligraphy. City Centre Mall. Public event, free admission, fun for the whole family. Contact Stephen Tsang at 780.428.4035 or email info@ecbea.org. Visit the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) Facebook page for more information www.facebook.com/ecbeanews.

24th Annual Alberta Business Awards of Distinction **27**

The Alberta Business Awards of Distinction recognize businesses/organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievement and contribution to their community while having developed business acumen and management practices to ensure long term sustainability. To date, over 200 companies have been named Alberta Business Award of Distinction recipients. The gala is hosted by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce. Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel, Edmonton International Airport. Tickets: \$157.50. Visit www.abbusinessawards.com for updates and tickets.

Regency Ball (Midwinter Holdover) **28**

Organized by Regency Period enthusiast Melanie Kerr, a self-described "occasional lawyer", the event is sold out, but add yourself to the waiting list. If there is enough interest, the Ball will be held in a larger room. There is still room in the dance classes, a great deal of fun in their own right. Dinner—white soup and quail—option for ball guests. Guests can enjoy live music, English country dancing and other period diversion, and all in Regency costume. The Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. Dance lessons, February 8, 15 and 22, \$60. Ball tickets: \$80; Super tickets: \$40. Contact www.eventbrite.ca/edmonton

40th Annual Johann Strauss Ball **28**

After four decades, the tradition continues! This formal European Ball celebrates the Johann Strauss Foundation scholarships for advanced music studies in Austria. It is an elegant evening of pageantry featuring Viennese music, fine dining, dancing and performances by talented scholarship winners. A highlight is the presentation of the debutantes. Hotel Chateau Lacombe. Tickets: \$235 regular and \$145 student (valid ID required); \$25 discount for individual tickets purchased before December 31st. Tables of 8, \$1680; tables of 10, \$2100. Call 780.489.0768 or e-mail info@johannstrauss.ca. For details and to order on-line, visit www.johannstrauss.ca

11th Annual Northern Lights Classic 28 Ballroom and Latin Dance Competition

Immerse yourself in the glamour, the movement and the passion of Edmonton's Premier Ballroom and Latin Dance Competition. The 2015 Northern Lights Classic hosts competitors from across the western Canada, both young and old, from newcomers to homegrown Canadian Champions! An unparalleled display of athleticism and elegance, featuring the best dancers in Canada! The event will be held at Central Lions Recreation Centre. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter and stay up to date with the latest news on this fantastic event! Tickets available on-line at www.northernlightclassic.ca or at the door.

Defying Limitations Gala TBA

The Brain Care Centre hosts the Defying Limitations gala to support its courageous clients and those who care for them. Champagne reception followed by dinner, awards presentations, auction and dance. Live entertainment and inspiring stories of hope. Proceeds go to the Brain Care Centre for specialized equipment and innovative training programs. Visit www.braincarecentre.com for updates; call 780.477.7575 for ticket information and donations.

MARCH

Edmonton Festival Ballet Gala 1

Enjoy dance performances, reception, wine raffle and silent auction. Guest performances by the Edmonton Contemporary Dancers and the Edmonton School of Ballet Junior Company. Arden Theatre in St. Albert. Tickets (TBC): \$25 adult, \$15 student (under 18). Contact 780.413.0985 or edmfest@telus.net. Visit www.efbdance.com or www.esbdance.com for updates.

5th Annual International Women's Day Celebration 4

NorQuest College's International Women's Day event celebrates women's achievements and social contributions. This event inspires women and men to connect to a network of philanthropy in support of student success. Norquest's 1000 Women: A Million Possibilities movement is a powerful example of women working together for the betterment of our community. Main Campus, NorQuest College. Contact: Amanda at 780.644.5922 or 1000women@norquest.ca. Visit www.norquest.ca for details.

United Way Awards of Distinction Red Tie Gala 5

An evening of recognition and entertainment. Don't forget your red tie or snazzy red accessory! Be inspired by the Campaign Chair and the Spirit Award nominees and winners in 10 specific categories. Collectively, their efforts contribute to the success of United Way programs and fund-raising activities. Edmonton EXPO Centre. For tickets and updates, visit www.myunitedway.ca

Daddy's Little Sweetheart Ball 6

Give your little girl the gift of a magical evening with the most important man in her life, while at the same time raising funds to help grant wishes for children in Alberta who are severely ill. The beautiful and truly one of a kind location of Edmonton's City Hall will be transformed into a magnificent fairy tale ballroom. Dads, uncles or grandfathers can spend an enchanted evening with their little girls, dressed in their finest, and be treated to an awe-inspiring event featuring facepainting, visits with princesses, crafts, candy buffet, photo booth, dinner, dancing, and much more! Imagine the feeling you'll have as you hold your little one in your arms for the first Dad/daughter dance, or watch

her face light up as she meets her favourite princess. Tickets: Dad & Sweetheart (aged 3 and up): \$75, Extra Sweetheart: \$25, Table of 8: \$575. Contact Eventbrite or visit www.rainbowsociety.ab.ca

BOMA Edmonton Awards Gala 7

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Edmonton Awards Gala celebrates the best in the commercial real estate industry annually. Awards are presented in nine categories. The Westin Hotel. Visit www.bomaedmonton.org for updates, nomination forms and tickets.

Dreams Take Flight A Night in Paris Gala 7

Don't miss out on this fantasy journey to the City of Light. Dreams Take Flight is a national non-profit organization consisting of Air Canada volunteers dedicated to providing the trip-of-a-lifetime to physically, mentally or socially challenged children. By the end of this year, Dreams Take Flight will have taken more than 20,000 children to the happiest place on earth: Disneyland. There, they experience the wonder of friendship and magic. Dinner, live and silent auctions, dance. The Chateau Lacombe Hotel, "Dreamliner Boeing 787" Ballroom will be configured for three different Tables of 8 settings, each with increasingly better goodies and service: Tourist Class/\$1200; Business Class/\$2500; First Class/\$5000. For tickets, contact "Concierge" Madame Carol Olivieri at colivieri@dreamstakeflight.ca, or call 780.721.0506. Visit www.dreamstakeflight.ca

10th Annual Beaded Journeys Gala 14

Presented by B&B Demolition Ltd, the Beaded Journey Gala is an exclusive event at the Empire Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. This unique evening raises awareness and funds for children with cancer and their families. The focus is on the children's experiences, through their beaded journey. By using their art and their future dreams, guests will receive a rare opportunity to make these dreams come true. Every year, a special guest—a child who is living with cancer—shares their story, their dreams, and—without fail—touches our hearts. Contact valf@kidswithcancer.ca or 780.496.2459 to inquire about tickets or sponsorship.

Red Carpet Affair 20

A split second can change your whole life. Imagine being told you will not walk again following a motor vehicle collision. Where do you find support? Spinal Cord Injury Alberta (formerly the Canadian Paraplegic Association-Alberta) is the answer. It provides services that help those injured and their loved ones regain their independence and confidence. Hit the Red Carpet to enjoy a delicious dinner, hear some wonderful stories, bid on numerous auction items and meet guest speaker, singer/songwriter Justin Hines, and other award winners. Join us for our 12th anniversary gala fundraiser. Shaw Conference Centre, Hall D. Visit www.sci-ab.ca for tickets and sponsorship packages.

APRIL

Lucia di Lammermoor Brunch 12

Edmonton Opera invites you to start your opera experience with brunch at the Royal Glenora Club, featuring fantastic food and intimate recitals by the artists starring in the 2015 mainstage productions. Enjoy a great menu created by the Club's executive chef, free parking and the gorgeous venue. Tickets: \$85 adults, \$35 children; available on-line at www.edmontonopera.com

AWE Celebration of Achievement Award Dinner & Gala 16

Alberta Women Entrepreneurs pays tribute to an exceptional entrepreneur who has achieved recognizable success. This visionary woman is an inspirational leader, who has built an entrepreneurial venture in Alberta with significant impact on the economy and the community, and who acts as a role model for women in business. This is the only event of its kind in Alberta that brings together female entrepreneurs with representatives from government, industry, media and educational institutions to celebrate the outstanding contribution of an inspiring female entrepreneur. Held in Calgary at the Hotel Arts. Early bird: \$150 by December 31, 2014. Tickets: \$200. Check the new dedicated website www.aweinspiringentrepreneurs.com for tickets and updates.

Glenrose Foundation Courage Gala 17

Inspiring moments honouring the rehabilitation journeys of Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital patients. Presented by Imperial Equities at the Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D: champagne reception... four-course culinary experience with fine wine... one fantastic live auction item... world renowned pop singer, violinist and songwriter Sophie Serafino & The RETROFITZ, featuring 11 all-star performers. Chocolate Raffle: Win an upcoming adventure or experience of a lifetime. Tickets: \$300, table of 10 \$3000. Select sponsorships—\$5,000 to \$20,000—available. Call 780.735.6024 or e-mail info@glenrosefoundation.com for more information and tickets, or visit www.couragegala.com.

Avenue of Hope Gala 18

Help make hope happen! An exciting event in support of Lurana Shelter Society. This memorable evening, dedicated to providing emergency shelter and support for women and children fleeing family violence, brings together old friends and new for a night of fun, laughter and inspiration. Enjoy a fabulous seated dinner, live & silent auctions, Heads or Tails game and live entertainment. Italian Cultural Centre. Tickets: \$100 or \$800/table of 8. For tickets or to enquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact 780.422.7263 or funddevcoordinator@luranashelter.com or visit www.luranashelter.com

10th Annual Planes Trains & Auctionables 24

Presented by the Edmonton Sunrise Rotary Club and the Tourette Syndrome Foundation-Edmonton Chapter to support both organizations... and especially the children who are helped to attend summer camp. The theme relates to fun, adventure and travel. Double Tree by Hilton. For updates, ticket information, and to make donations, contact Erin Rayner at erin@edmarketing.ca

YESS Gala for Youth 24

Join Peter Pan and the Lost Boys in the world of Neverland as YESS hosts its annual Gala for Youth at the Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel. Join us for a magical evening of fun and wonderment, featuring live and silent auctions, fantastic dinner fare and spectacular entertainment. This extraordinary evening will be the ideal event for entertaining clients, business networking or even just as a fantastic outing with great friends. For more information, visit www.yess.org/events.

13th Annual TEC Edmonton VenturePrize Dinner & Awards Event 29

Celebrate the innovative and entrepreneurial participants of the 2015 TEC VenturePrize Business Plan Competition. It's a great night, and a fantastic opportunity to connect with the Innovation Community. Winners of the VenturePrize Fast Growth, Alberta Student Business Plan, and the TELUS Information & Communication Technology competitions will be announced and receive \$180,000 in funding. Guests will vote for the *Edmonton Journal* People's Choice Award in the Fast Growth category. Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D. Tickets and updates on-line at www.tecedmonton.com

"I Wish for a New Waiter" Gala 30

The 3rd Annual Gala to benefit the *Children's Wish Foundation* is a highly anticipated social and fundraising event. Local celebrities and distinguished members of the business community will be waiters for the evening—assisting with service and entertaining guests, encouraging patrons to donate toward a child's most heartfelt wish in the form of tips for their service. A spectacular evening featuring auctions, entertainment, a lively atmosphere, and the opportunity to give the precious gift of a wish to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Exclusive sponsorship packages offer a variety of perks, including tables of 10, and range in price from \$3,000 to \$25,000. For detailed information, visit www.childrenswish.ca or call 780.349.9039 or e-mail Elizabeth.LoPrest@childrenswish.ca

36th Annual Brian Webb Dance Company Art Auction & Brunch TBA

Join us for one of Edmonton's choicest showcases of contemporary art. Over the years, the Brian Webb Dance Company has developed an amazing relationship with our city's visual arts community. The annual BWDC Art Auction is an opportunity for art lovers to add to their collections. This year's fundraiser will feature more than 60 works by some of North America's hottest visual artists. Timms Centre for The Arts. Tickets (TBC): \$85. Visit www.tixonthesquare.ca or www.bwdc.ca.

MAY

Walk in My Shoes 1

A fun evening centred on a fabulous dinner and dazzling auctions...the flagship fundraiser for Pilgrims Hospice! This annual gala dinner and auction supports end-of-life programs and bereavement services at Edmonton's only free-standing hospice. The Lifestyle silent and live auctions will give you the chance to score something absolutely unique and memorable. The Sutton Place Hotel Grand Ballroom. Visit www.pilgrimshospice.ca or call 780.413.9801 for tickets and details.

13th Annual CASA Carnival for Kids 1

"Light up the Night for CASA Kids" is presented by Beaverbrook Communities for Living. CASA is a major community-based provider of mental health services for infants, children, adolescents and their families within the Capital Region and from Central and Northern Alberta. It provides assessment and treatment services for approximately 3000 infants, children and adolescents from birth to age 18 each year. Funds raised support improvements in facilities and program delivery. Midway cocktails, roving performers, Big Top dinner and auction, after party. Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D. Contact Nadine at the CASA Foundation nsamycia@casaservices.org for tickets, and sponsorship, donation and volunteer opportunities.

2015 Junior Achievement Alberta Business Hall of Fame 7

Leadership. Excellence. Integrity. These words exemplify the Business Laureates of the Junior Achievement Alberta Business Hall of Fame. Their careers are legendary. They have demonstrated a vision unique among their peers, provided leadership to move others to achieve their goals and built a legacy that will enrich those who follow. Sponsored by ATB Financial and CCI Thermal Technologies Inc., the gala celebrates the newest inductees of the Alberta Business Hall of Fame. Be a part of this prestigious event and meet the 2015 Inductees, past Business Laureates, Junior Achievement students and many more influential guests from the community. Northlands EXPO Centre. Date TBC. Call 780.428.1421 or visit www.janorthalberta.org or www.albertabusinesshalloffame.com for details, nomination form and tickets.

35th Annual Consular Ball 23

The Edmonton Consular Corps annual gala will feature Estonia as the host country, and bring together the business, civic, education and diplomatic communities for a dynamic evening of networking and celebration. This black tie event raises funds for the Edmonton Consular Corp's Scholarship in International Studies at the University of Alberta, and is presented to undergraduate or graduate students in any discipline, who are undertaking a summer research project abroad. Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. To enquire about sponsorship opportunities, e-mail sahyecummings@gmail.com or call Sahyo at 780.236.3022. For information, visit www.edmontonconsularball.com or contact Chair Christina Robertson, crovertson@shellaero.com

9th Annual SAGE Awards TBA

The SAGE Awards, presented by Servus Credit Union, focus attention on the extraordinary accomplishments of older adults. This attention supports a positive perception of seniors and helps reduce negative outcomes such as elder abuse and ageism. Tickets go on sale in February. Contact 780.423.5510 or info@MySage.ca. Visit www.mysage.ca for updates and tickets.

Have a Heart for Mental Health Gala Dinner TBA

During Mental Health Week—May 3th to 9th—the Canadian Mental Health Association—Edmonton Region will host its annual fund raising gala dinner in support of mental health at a local fine dining restaurant (TBC). This is a non-gala gala with limited speeches, no auction and great prizes. Visit www.edmonton.cmha.ca or contact 780.414.6300 or main@cmha-edmonton.ab.ca.

Mayor's Awards TBA

Persons with disabilities make up a substantial segment of the City's population. With this in mind, the Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities established the Mayor's Awards. They are designed to promote awareness of the need for accessibility, services and employment, and are presented annually in recognition of individuals, organizations and business that demonstrate their commitment to persons with disabilities. Presentations at City Hall. There are four award categories. Nominations close March 6th. Forms are available on-line at www.edmonton.ca/disability. Contact: 780.496.1472 or disability@edmonton.ca for updates.

Dreamspeakers Film Festival 27-30

This four-day event is presented by Dreamspeakers Festival Society which educates and markets

Aboriginal culture art and heritage. Various prices for all events. Venues are located throughout the City of Edmonton. Dates TBC. For further information and updates, visit www.dreamspeakers.org. For tickets, call 780.378.9609.

JUNE

24th Annual Emerald Awards 4

With 10 categories, the Emerald Awards recognize our province's environmental achievements at all levels, including youth, community groups and business. This year's awards will be presented at the Citadel Theatre. Nominate yourself or someone you know by February 28th. Contact the Alberta Emerald Foundation at 780.616.1556 or e-mail info@emeraldfoundation.ca. Visit www.emerald.foundation.ca for information and the online nomination form.

1000 Women: A Million Possibilities 4 6th Annual Fundraising Luncheon

With fun and fellowship in their hearts, the 1000 Women are addressing the needs of student parents and caregivers pursuing their education and career goals. NorQuest College's 1000 Women have committed to raising \$1 million in support of the 1000 Women Child Care Centre in the new North Learning Centre. Join the excitement at this fundraising luncheon, sponsored by Brookside Residential, and support student success through safe and accessible childcare with a financial donation. Contact: Amanda at 780.644.5922 or 1000women@norquest.ca. Visit www.norquest.ca for ticket information.

64th Annual Salute to Excellence 15 Hall of Fame

During a formal evening presentation at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music, the Salute to Excellence Committee inducts outstanding citizens with career-long accomplishments into the City of Edmonton Arts and Culture, Community Service, and Sports Halls of Fame. Teams or groups with more than four members can qualify to receive Awards of Distinction. Nomination deadline: April 30th. Call 780.496.7380 or visit www.edmonton.ca for nomination forms and updates. Contact donna.bradley-bodey@edmonton.ca for information or to volunteer on the Salute to Excellence Committee.

Concordia's 5th Annual Lobster Fest TBA

Presented by Northgate Industries, this event raises funds for student scholarships and bursaries. Enjoy a fabulous steak and lobster dinner and live entertainment at the Concordia University College Campus. Tickets: \$75 (TBC). For updates and tickets, visit www.concordia.ca/lobsterfest

The Edmonton Business Council 26 for Visual Arts Presents:

The Works Summer Solstice Gala
Celebrate Summer Solstice at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald's Terrace and Empire Ballroom. Experience Food is Art and live art performances, dancing, and silent art auction at The Works Summer Solstice Gala, attended by business leaders and the City's creative and cultural community. Proceeds support Education Initiatives. Presented by the Edmonton Business Council for the Visual Arts, the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald and The Works Society. The Gala launches the summer social scene and The Works Festival! Tickets: \$150 (TBC) and group rates. Contact 780.426.2122 ext. 227 or ebcva@telusplanet.net.

Homeless for a Night **TBA**
Homelessness is a scary reality for many teens in and around our city. Individuals and groups are invited to step out of their comfort zone for just one night to experience what so many young people face every night. Details coming soon. Visit www.yess.org for more information.

5th Annual Opera al Fresco **TBA**
Experience the magic of opera against the backdrop of the Devonian Botanic Gardens, during Opera al Fresco. Opera lovers and gardening enthusiasts are treated to a variety of operatic performances by Edmonton Opera Chorus and soloists throughout the grounds, celebrating the summer solstice. Call the box office at 780.429.1000 for tickets or visit edmontonopera.com for more details.

Zoofest **TBA**
This evening geared for grownups is a major fundraiser hosted by the Valley Zoo Development Society. Proceeds toward "Nature's Wild Backyard"—a new children's area. Food & Wine sampling booths... Animal encounters... live & silent auctions. Children are welcome too... and can join the fun in the Kid Zone. Visit www.buildingourzoo.com or call 780.496.6924 for tickets.

Summer is festival time in the city—it's time for outdoor concerts and celebrations! Charity focus shifts to golfing, walking, running and biking for worthy causes. Do your part to make a difference.

JULY

A Taste of Edmonton Festival **16-25**
Eager foodies anticipate the arrival of "Taste", every summer to indulge their palates with a huge assortment of food and beverages offered up by more than 50 Edmonton restaurants and beverage companies. Entering its 31st year, "Taste" reflects the vitality and dynamism of the city. With all of the city's best food and drinks gathered together in Sir Winston Churchill Square, this festival will be sure to hit your sweet spot. Beer or wine, sweet or savoury, gluten or gluten-free, folk music or jazz—whatever you fancy, you will be able to find it at Taste of Edmonton. Proceeds support a number of local charities. Contact Events Edmonton at 780.423.2822 or visit www.tasteofedm.ca for information or to volunteer.

AUGUST

Servus Heritage Festival **1-3**
Servus Heritage Festival 2015 marks the 40th annual of this premier three-day showcase of Canada's vibrant multicultural heritage, featuring more than 60 pavilions representing more than 85 cultures from all over the world. Fabulous food, entertainment, arts and crafts. The event promotes public awareness, understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity. Hawrelak Park. Bring donations to the Edmonton Food Bank. Contact Edmonton Heritage Festival Association at 780.488.3378 or info@heritage-festival.com. Visit www.heritage-festival.com

34th Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival **14-24**
"SupercalIFRINGEilistic"
This phenomenal alternative theatre fest is the largest and oldest in North America with more than 1,200 shows and performances from over 200 theatrical companies at venues in historic Old Strathcona. Visit www.fringetheatreadventures.ca for updates and special events.

SEPTEMBER

10th Annual Grandparents Awards of Distinction **12**
In acknowledgement of its 10th anniversary of the Grandparents Award of Distinction, the Bernadette N. Swan Social Care Foundation celebrates all grandparents who received the Grandparents Award of Distinction. It recognizes individuals nominated for the Grandparents Award of Distinction by their grandchildren. Cocktail reception, gala banquet, award recognition, silent auction with dozens of unique items to fit all style and budgets. Funds raised support programs for seniors. Semi formal to formal attire. Shaw Conference Centre. Tickets \$85 each, on sale in May. Visit www.bnsacf.org and click on Grandparents Award.

Dr. Helen Hays Sunflower Luncheon **TBA**
Since 2003, the vision of Dr. Helen Hays is honoured by a prominent speaker who delivers an inspiring keynote address at this champagne reception and luncheon. The Pilgrims Hospice Society offers end-of-life programs and bereavements services. Proceeds support Edmonton's only freestanding hospice. Empire Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. Visit www.pilgrimshospice.ca for ticket and details. Contact 780.413.9801.

Lois Hole Hospital for Women 5th Annual Harvest Celebrations **TBA**
Presented by Syncrude in support of programs and specialty clinics at the Lois Hole Hospital for Women. In 2014, more than 500 guests filled the Enjoy Centre for this sold out soiree of decadent food and incredible performances—and raised record funds. Proceeds from the night supported the Allard Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Clinic at the Lois Hole Hospital for Women. Tickets: \$500, tables available. Visit the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation at www.royalalex.org for details and updates.

Edmontonians' Sizzling Twenty under 30 **24**
Edmontonians is celebrating the 14th year of *Sizzling Twenty under 30*. We'll honour and toast the 280 outstanding individuals who have been selected since 2002 for their entrepreneurial and community spirit. Profiles of 20 new inductees are featured annually in the Fall (September) issue of the magazine. This is one of Edmonton's "IT" parties! By invitation only. Details to be announced. Nomination forms for the *2015 Sizzlers* are available at www.edmontonians.com. Deadline June 30th. Contact info@edmontonians.com for details and sponsorship opportunities.

29th Annual Edmonton International Film Festival **25-OCT 4**
The Edmonton International Film Festival... international, independent and eye-opening. Line-up showcases 60+ dramatic/documentary features, 110+ short films, a 24-hour filmmaking challenge, invited

guests, parties, music and laughter. Tickets \$13.00/person; All-Access Pass \$129. Opening and Closing Night Galas, plus after parties, include a block-buster feature film and reception: \$25 each. All prices TBC. Tickets available at EIFF Box Office. Contact info@edmontonfilmfest.com, or call 780.423.0844. Visit www.edmontonfilmfest.com for details.

OCTOBER

22nd Annual Salvation Army Harvest Brunch & Auction **TBA**
This event supports programs and projects, including Grace Manor, in Edmonton and central and northern Alberta. During the brunch, bid on hundreds of silent auction items, and spectacular live auction items. Tickets: \$70; table of 8 \$500 (TBC). Call 780-412-2743 or visit www.salvationarmy.ca/alberta/harvest-brunch/ to learn more.

3rd Annual Edmonton Short Film Festival **TBA**
This one-night event showcases the talents of Alberta's rising stars in the film community. ESFF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elevation of Alberta independent film. The festival features a variety of music videos, documentaries, comedy, drama, suspense, animated and experimental films. Moviegoers select the winner of the People's Choice Award. A red-carpet Hollywood-inspired experience, offering live music, free hors d'oeuvres, popcorn and a fun, festive atmosphere. Tickets are available on-line or at the door. For details and updates, visit www.edmontonshortfilmfestival.com

"Opening Doors for Autism" Gala Dinner and Auction **23**
Fundraiser in support of family programs for children, teens, adults with autism and their families. The 2015 event, hosted again by Danny Hooper, will celebrate 44 years of serving people with autism in the Edmonton area. Edmonton EXPO Centre, Northlands. Contact Autism Society of Edmonton Area office 780.453.3971 or visit www.autismedmonton.org for tickets.

Laugh for Life Gala - 12th Anniversary **24**
Laughter truly is the best medicine and you'll get a huge injection of joy at the 12th annual gala at Edmonton's finest concert hall, The Winspear Centre. Featuring comedians Chondra Pierce and Jonnie W. Funds raised support The Mustard Seed and Kids Kottage. Tickets at the Winspear Box Office as of July 17th, call 780.428.1414 or visit www.winspearcentre.com. Details at www.LaughforLife.ca.

Fashion with Compassion Luncheon and Gala **29**
What makes a brilliant and memorable fashion show? That's easy: exceptional retail partners and professional men, women and children from Mode Models that bring the latest trends to the runway... great music and a whole lot of atmosphere. Edmonton's premier fashion show supports Sorrentino's Compassion House for women fighting breast cancer and their families. Two fabulous fundraising events are held at the Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D on this day. Luncheon tickets \$125, tables of 10 \$1250. Gala tickets \$275, tables of 10 \$2750. (Prices TBC) Visit www.fashioncompassion.ca for updates and tickets. Contact 780.418.6996.

Edmonton's Food Bank Harvest Luncheon

TBA

Edmonton's Food Bank dedicates the entire year to eliminating hunger in the city. Fall is a time for harvest, and the luncheon takes us back to our historical role as gleaners. Join supporters, volunteers and friends for lunch, a live auction and a "lottery" at the Food Bank Warehouse II, 11434 – 120th Street. Tickets: \$40 each; tables of 10, \$350. Call 780.425.2133 for tickets and to confirm date and details.

NOVEMBER

Here's Nina!

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Sheri Somerville will again host a madcap musical-info-variety-style extravaganza. This sparkling tribute to all things Notable and Nina will include hilarious cameos with surprise guests. Beyond providing everyone with a great evening of entertainment, the event raises funds to support the studio and exhibition programs at the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, a collective of over 150 adult artists with developmental disabilities. It also operates the public Stollery Gallery, and offers free and low cost community art programs at 9225-118 Avenue. Chateau Lacombe. For information on tickets and sponsorship, contact Nina's Director of Fund Development, Rona Fraser 780.886.6640 or rona@thenina.ca or visit www.thenina.ca

7th Annual Edmonton Timeraiser

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Timeraiser is a volunteer matching fair, a silent auction and a night out on the town. The twist? Rather than bid money on artwork, participants bid volunteer hours. They meet with non-profit organizations to find available volunteer opportunities that meet their needs. Once matches are made, the bidding begins. Winning bidders have 12 months to complete their pledges and take their artworks home as a reminder of their goodwill. All participating artists are paid for their time and talent. Boyle Street Plaza. For tickets and details, visit www.timeraiser.ca/edmonton

Edmonton's 6th Fabulous@50 Experience

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This is a must-attend event for baby boomer women and their friends and family. The Fabulous@50 Experience includes a trade show with over 65 exhibitors, entertainment, motivational speakers, a fashion show, tasty treats (including martinis) and more. Come early to receive a swag bag stuffed with goodies or later for our feature entertainment. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. The event supports local women's charities. River Cree Resort. Tickets at www.fabulousat50.com.

WELCA's Hoofbeats and Heartbeats Gala

TBA

Outstanding entertainment, incredible food, fun and gifts! Champagne, dancing, dinner, visual and musical arts and bidding on live and silent auction items—a night to remember for you, your colleagues and your friends. The gala helps raise funds for redevelopment of the Whitemud Equine Learning Centre facilities into a world-class centre for equine learning, therapy, recreation and research. WELCA is a non-profit organization providing benefits to many Edmontonians including college and university students, aboriginal youth, war veterans, the physically and mentally disabled, and the elderly. Tickets: \$225 each, tables of 8 \$1700, tables of 10 \$2000 (TBC). For details and updates, visit www.WELCA.ca

Farmfair International

10-15

Northlands is the centre of activities for Farmfair International, which is held concurrently with the Canadian Final Rodeo. Various events take place all over the city. Check www.northlands.com and www.farmfairinternational.com for details about related events:

ATB Agriculture Farm Family Awards Gala

For 45 years, farm families from northern and central Alberta communities have been recognized as the recipients of the ATB Agriculture Farm Family Award. The Northern and Central Agricultural Service Boards select outstanding families who best represent values of the family farm within their rural community. The award honours farming business practices and community involvement. Visit www.farmfairinternational.com or call 780.471.7210 for details and ticket information.

42nd Canadian Finals Rodeo

11-15

Northlands is the centre of activities, but themed events take place all over the city—before, during and after the CFR. Check www.northlands.com and www.cfr.ca for details about these and other events:

Black Tie Bingo

Established in 1989, The Edmonton Rodeo Cowboy's Benevolent Foundation assists athletes in times of financial hardship due to rodeo-related injuries. To date, over 250 athletes have received more than \$1.5 million in support. To support the foundation, Northlands raises funds through CFR 50/50, Black Tie Bingo and the CPRA Ladies and Luncheon Fashion Show. Edmonton EXPO Centre. Details TBA.

Miss Rodeo Canada Pageant

Northlands is proud to host a variety of Miss Rodeo Canada events during CFR. Contestants compete various elements, including horsemanship, written exams, and public speaking. They participate in the LCPR Fashion Show. The farewell to the outgoing queen and crowning of the sports new royalty takes place during the Saturday afternoon performance. To learn more about the Miss Rodeo Canada program and pageant, visit www.missrodeocanada.ca

Ladies of Canadian Professional Rodeo Fashion Show

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Enjoy the glamorous side of the rodeo world at the 41st Annual celebration of this special event benefiting the CPRA Cowboy Benefit Fund and the Canadian Pro Rodeo Sports Medicine Team. The Westin Hotel. Tickets: \$55(TBC); purchase online at lcprfashionshow.com or e-mail lcprfashionshow@gmail.com

4th Annual Rotary Roast

TBA

Lip-smacking food. Awesome live music. Side-splitting comedy. Share laughter with your family, friends and fellow Rotarians at this rollicking event. Who will the Rotary Club of Edmonton target this year? Whoever it is, that local celeb will face eight "friends" who take on the role of incredibly ruthless and funny Roasters. All money raised will be invested to support urgent needs in our city centre. Marriott River Cree Resort. Tickets: \$125, tables of 10 \$1000. Go to www.rotaryroast.ca/ for updates.

National Philanthropy Day Awards and Luncheon

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Join the Association of Fundraising Professionals Edmonton and Area Chapter to celebrate and acknowledge the philanthropic individuals, corporations, foundations and fundraisers for

their time, talent and dedication to the spirit of giving. The "Change the World with a Giving Heart" luncheon spotlights the great tradition of philanthropy that is so much a part of the Capital Region. Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D. Nomination forms for the awards and further details will be posted www.afpedmonton.ca.

4th Annual Salvation Army Hope in the City Breakfast

TBA

Start your day by helping kick off the Christmas Kettle Campaign which plays a vital role in supporting local programs and services. The Salvation Army's Community and Family Services provide food hampers to almost 50,000 vulnerable Edmontonians each year, helping close to 200 families per day. The success of the campaign will provide year round food hampers, Christmas assistance, counseling, senior programs, and summer camps in 2016. For tickets and details, call 780.412.2743 or visit www.salvationarmy.ca/alberta/

Vinok Worldance presents Christmas around the World

14-19

For many Edmontonians, this extravaganza has become a great way to start the festive season. Vinok presents six unforgettable shows featuring vibrant costumes, spirited music and dance that represent holiday traditions from several different cultures and countries. Opening night begins with a champagne reception and decadent plated dinner. Tickets: \$200, tables available. All other shows include a pre-performance buffet feast. Tickets: \$80. Children: \$40. Grand Ballroom, Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre. For more information and to confirm all prices, visit www.vinok.ca, or contact Vinok Worldance at 780-454-3739 or info@vinok.ca

Poor Boy's Lunch

TBA

In 1994, CTV Edmonton established its own registered charity, the Good Neighbour Fund. The Fund assists people in Edmonton and Northern Alberta who have fallen on hard times. The Poor Boys Lunch is the group's major fundraising event. Visit www.goodneighbourfund.ca or contact 780.486.9215 for details.

9th Annual Blue Angel Dinner

TBA

The Blue Angel Dinner is St. Michael's Health Group's major annual fundraiser and is vital to the sustainability of care, programs and services for elderly residents at its facilities. This event begins with a cocktail reception followed by an elegant dinner with impeccable service, magnificent wines, entertainment, live and silent auctions. It is well-attended by community leaders, corporate executives and political representatives. For updates, tickets, sponsorship opportunities and auction information, contact cteterenko@smhg.ca, call 780.472.4776 or visit www.smhg.ca.

9th Annual Creating Safe Place Waffle Breakfast

TBA

Did you know 50% of students experience bullying throughout the school year... 25% of Albertans view bullying as a normal part of growing up... 36% of students have admitted to participating in bullying? Support the Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities during National Bullying Awareness Week. Through generous grants and donations, SACSC provides research-based programming, resources and tools, and workshops to help prevent bullying and create safe spaces for children and youth. Visit www.sacsc.ca or call 780.822.1500 for further information and find out how to get involved.

Denim & Diamonds Gala **TBA**
Be part of the 24th Annual Denim & Diamonds Gala, a premiere celebration in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This high energy, brilliant event brings people together to bid on great items in the silent, super silent, and live auctions... while gaining insight on the impact of Type 1 diabetes through Fund A Cure. The guests finish off their evening enjoying live music and dancing. Tickets: \$195; tables of 10 \$1950 (TBC). Visit www.jdrf.ca or contact edmonton@jdrf.ca for updates and to donate auction items.

Lobster Lovers Gala **TBA**
Enjoy a traditional East Coast lobster feast and local entertainment! This annual event is the largest fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters which provides services and programs that support the healthy development of children and youth in our community. Cocktail reception, dinner and auction. Edmonton EXPO Centre Ballroom. Tickets: \$200; tables of 10 \$2,000. Opportunities for individuals and companies to become Agency Stars—a unique blend of sponsorship and donation. More information at www.bgcbigs.ca or call 780.235.7832.

11th Annual Breakfast with the Guys **TBA**
Women leaving abusive relationships comprise a growing number of the “hidden homeless” in Alberta. As a result, some women choose to stay in unhealthy relationships just to survive. The event encourages men, many of whom are leaders in sport, business, industry, culture and government to use their influence to alter this startling reality. The Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS) hosts Breakfast with the Guys during of Family Violence Prevention Month. Shaw Conference Centre-Hall D. Visit www.acws.ca for updates and tickets. Proceeds from the ticket sales support the work of ACWS to support shelters and end violence against women.

8th Ribbon Rouge **TBA**
Step into a world of glamour, glitz and a grandiose cultural experience that will enrich your soul and captivate your senses! Indulge in a night of fashion, poetry, art, music, comedy, and cuisine. Sponsored by Arewa since 2006. 100% of the proceeds go towards HIV Relief through UNAIDS and HIV Edmonton. Show: 7pm. This event is 18+. \$150 VIP tickets include dinner, tax receipt (Complimentary Wine & Swag Bags); \$85 general. For more information and to confirm ticket prices, visit www.RibbonRouge.com

Black and White Fundraiser **TBA**
The 21st annual Black and White is an all-inclusive evening including gourmet dining stations, courtesy beverages, live and silent auctions and first rate international entertainment. You will dance the night away. The event raises funds for the community based performing arts opportunities at Festival Place in Sherwood Park. Visit www.festivalplace.ab.ca for updates, details and tickets.

7th Annual HOMEstyle Breakfast **TBA**
The St. Albert Housing Society hosts the breakfast to raise funds for the HOMEconnection Program. Through partnerships with local agencies, the program provides housing and supportive services for single-parent families with limited incomes, victims of domestic violence who need to re-establish a safe home environment, and seniors living at or below the poverty line with no savings to draw on. For more information and tickets, call 780.544.2202 or visit www.stalberthousing.com.

Bridget Ryan’s Big Ol’ Christmas Cabaret **TBA**
Don’t miss this one-night only performance as Bridget Ryan celebrates the spirit of the season with her outrageous comedy cabaret in support of the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton. Prepare for an incredible evening of song, stories, special super-star guests (including the ‘big guy in the bright red suit’), members of Kokepelli

Choir, sing-a-longs and so much more! TransAlta Arts Barn, Westbury Theatre, Tickets: TIX on the Square www.tixonthesquare.ca or 780.420.1757. Visit www.christmasbureau.ca for updates.

31st Annual Festival of Trees **26-29**
The annual Festival of Trees is a holiday tradition featuring more than 100 magnificently decorated trees and 150 other festive displays. There is also a gingerbread village with festive decorations and attractions. Sponsored by the University Hospital Foundation, proceeds from this event benefit the University of Alberta Hospital and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute. Gala dinner and tree auction by invitation only. Shaw Conference Centre. For details, call 780.497.2786 or visit www.festivaloftrees.ca

November Gala Parté **TBA**
Join your crew of locally grown moustaches and wrap up the month in costume, celebrating all that is good and hairy at the Edmonton Gala Parté. Held across Canada and the world, these notorious costume partés are held to thank Mo Bros and Mo Sistas for 30 days and 30 nights well grown. Simply raise \$50 to claim your FREE pass to party. Raise \$100 and you can claim a second pass for a friend. Dress to suit your Mo or Mo Bro and support your local Mo Growers as they battle it out for prestigious titles including Team Mo, Miss Movember and the ultimate title of Man of Movember 2015. Visit www.prostatecancer.ca and www.movember.ca for dates and details.

DECEMBER

17th Annual BOMA Edmonton Christmas Luncheon & Charity Event **3**
The Business Owners & Managers Association hosts this fundraising luncheon at The Westin Hotel in support of WIN House. Reserve auction, silent auctions and raffle. Visit www.bomaedmonton.org for updates.

Candy Cane Lane **4-Jan 3**
This December tradition sees approximately 200 private homes along 148th Street, from 100th Avenue to 92nd Avenue, adorned with impressive Christmas light displays. Edmonton’s Candy Cane Lane is visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. For more than 40 years, the sights and sounds of Candy Cane Lane instill the spirit of the holidays in all of us. The colourful light displays and unique decorations bring out the magic of the season for young and old alike. Christmas in Edmonton is not complete without a stroll down Candy Cane Lane. Donations to the Edmonton Food Bank are much appreciated at numerous on-site collection points. Walking the route is strongly recommended. For sleigh ride reservation and more details, visit www.candycanelane.trav-graphics.com/ for more details.

20th Annual Snowflake Gala **TBA**
The Shaw Conference Centre will be transformed as 1100 patrons come together to support the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation. Snowflake Gala is the only black-tie family event in Edmonton where adults and children come together to raise funds for the Stollery Children’s Hospital. Experience a magical evening featuring a turkey dinner, live entertainment, children’s activities, auctions, dancing and much more. Call 780.433.5437 or visit www.stollerykids.com/snowflake for more information.

YESS Awareness Campaign Kick-off **TBA**
YESS needs Champions—those who support this organization and the youth it serves. It is someone who will say “hi” to our youth when they see them in the street... someone who encourages and believes in our youth and sees the potential that each one of them has. It is also a person who will be an advocate for YESS and talk about the organization to their friends, family and coworkers. The Youth Empowerment & Support Services’ new awareness campaign begins in December 2015. Watch for details at www.yess.org.

The 16th Annual Copper Jackets Luncheon “Face Off against Hunger” **11**
Come and take part in the 16th Annual Face Off Against Hunger Luncheon at the Shaw Conference Centre, Hall D. Presented by the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and the Copper Jackets. Entertainment and live and silent auctions go with a delicious lunch. Tickets: \$100.00 (tax receipt for a portion of the price). Purchase by phone 780.409.5820. If you are looking for a miracle at Christmas, you don’t have to look far. Follow the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation on Twitter at @Oil_Foundation for event updates. Anyone wishing to donate auction items can do so to Lauren at lgilley@edmontonoilers.com.

Note: The Christmas Bureau has been in existence in Edmonton since 1940. Fundraisers—large and small... corporate- and community-sponsored—begin in October. Stay informed or launch your own event by visiting the www.christmasbureau.ca. Last year, this remarkable organization provides festive meals to 65,000 Edmontonians—more than 14,000 families and close to 10,000 seniors, singles and couples—in need.

Christmas Bureau Breakfast **15**
The 34th Annual Dentons Christmas Bureau Breakfast sponsored by Dentons Canada LLP, Sobey’s and The Westin Edmonton takes place from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at The Westin Edmonton. The tradition of sharing continues with this annual favourite. Enjoy great entertainers while you bid on silent auction items. Visit www.christmasbureau.ca. Contact Jackie Danchuk at 780-423-7197 or e-mail jacqueline.danchuk@dentons.com

15th Annual Christmas Bureau Caroling Sing-along **18**
What better way to celebrate 75 years of Christmas Bureau cheer than over a lunch hour of exquisite Christmas caroling provided by Edmonton’s talented choir community! Arrive at the Winspear early—this holiday favourite fills seats fast. Admission is free and volunteers will be accepting donations on site. This event is sponsored by the Winspear. Visit www.christmasbureau.ca for updates.

Edmonton’s Singing Christmas Tree **17-20**
In its 48th year, *The Singing Christmas Tree* is the best way to rediscover the joy of the season! Through the beauty of music, dance and drama, travel back through centuries and generations of children to find how a man named Nicholas discovered the secret of joy for others and for himself. For five shows over three days, this Christmas spectacular guarantees to get you in the holiday spirit. Be a part of the magic and come see *The Singing Christmas Tree* at The Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. All net proceeds go to Santas Anonymous. Tickets at ticketmaster.ca or 1-855.985.5000. Visit www.edmontonsingingchristmastree.com

Edmonton International New Year’s Eve Gala **31**
Ring in the New Year at The Fantasyland Hotel, Beverly Hills Ballroom—a spectacular evening rated as one of Canada’s top 10 NYE galas—in support of The Stollery Children’s Hospital. Cocktails at 7 pm, followed by the Gourmet Dinner of Distinction with world class entertainment. Dance until 3 am to music provided by DJ Tomski. Silent auction. Formal attire. Tickets: \$150 per person (TBC). Call 780-486-9506 or e-mail info@edgala.com for tickets and more information. Visit www.edgala.com.

Deadline for free listings in the 2016 Social Calendar: November 14, 2015
www.edmontonians.com