













2011

<p>13th Annual Fairy Tales Film Festival May</p> 	<p>The HRC sponsored the event for one night, this was for the “Bring-a-Straight” night, there was a documentary and comedy film shown. Volunteers from various components were in attendance enjoying the event!</p>	
<p>Regina Gay Pride Parade - June</p>  	<p>BSO Leanne Shirkey’s participation became only the third time that a BSO in uniform was authorized to participate in a Gay Pride Parade and this was in Regina...Brava!!</p>	
<p>Gay Rodeo Calgary July 1-3</p> 	<p>On the Midway in Strathmore I attended the Rodeo Grounds with this booth with information for all GLBT rights and freedoms. I also handed out flags to the children attending the family friendly event. A tornado also whipped through on the Sunday afternoon less than six blocks from the grounds....phew !</p>	
<p>Out Games Vancouver July 25th-29th</p> 	<p>Met with my fellow GLBT representatives from across the country to attend three days of Human Rights Forums, demonstrations and awareness. The games will be in Denver Colorado in 2015.</p>	
<p>GlobalFest 2011 Human Rights Event August 19th PSAC Sponsorship</p>	<p>Global Fest 2011 - Volunteers</p> 	<p>The HRC got the Social Justice Fund to help us sponsor the events of GlobalFest 2011. On August 19th, twenty+plus PSAC members gathered to volunteer at the “Swearing In” of 100 new Canadians. We all then enjoyed a night of fireworks, China was the country for this evening, it was warm, fun and members got to work together from other components, priceless!!</p>
<p>Pride Parade in the Prairies Calgary Parade September 04, 2011</p>		<p>Joined forces with the AFL to open a table of information during the parade festivities. This year’s Grand Marshall was City of Calgary Mayor – Naheed Nenshi (great guy)</p>
<p>Sept. 05th</p> 	<p>Participated in the 3rd Annual Labour Day BBQ, we (myself, Area Council, Regional Women’s / Human Rights Committees) used this opportunity to do a “Anti-Bullying” information booth and offered to pay for the “condiments” for the event from the Human Rights Committee budget. “PSAC Members Volunteer in the Community”</p> 	
	<p>Attended meetings in Edmonton on Mondays June 27th and September 19th, working on 100th Anniversary of the AFL in Alberta. A major GLBT float will be in the parade and on display.</p>	



December 06th & 07th: Attended AFL Executive Meetings in Edmonton on representing both the PSAC V.P. (Elaine Alt) and the Pride & Solidarity Committee. We continued the business of the Province and the 100th Anniversary of the AFL in Alberta. A major float will be in the Gay Edmonton & Calgary Pride Parades and on display at the official June 16th.

2012



January 29th

Even though the launch was just last week, the Royal Mint is already sold out of the first run. But they are taking future orders for the "wedding gift set" of coins. Artist Gary Taxali talks about his collaboration with the Royal Canadian Mint.

"The coin that Taxali is most proud of is the wedding-themed coin, featuring two interlocking rings that represent a gender-neutral marriage. "I live in a country where gender is irrelevant and the coin has to represent that," says Taxali. "I thought it would be a nice thing to represent that and to show two rings; is one a man and one a woman? Two men? Two women? It doesn't matter what they are, they represent the union of two people. "The Royal Mint really liked that idea because it represents the spirit of our nation and also, I think that it's empowering to somebody and hopefully this calling will send a powerful message that we're all the same and a wedding is a wedding. I think this is probably the first piece of currency in the world, paid by a federal government that is pro-wedding regardless of gender and that makes me really happy...."

January 09th

And

February 13th

Attended a Pride & Solidarity Committee Meeting via conference call. Working towards the AFL 100th Anniversary Gala events. We also are working on a "That's Gay" campaign to bring awareness to the use of the word Gay in today's schools and society.

Winnipeg



The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is coming along with the construction showing more and more of what it will look like when it opens, many other unions are praising the facility and its progress. The PSAC will be the union for the staff when it opens.



February 14th & 15th: Attended AFL Executive Meetings in Edmonton on December 06th & 07th representing both the PSAC V.P. (Elaine Alt) and the Pride & Solidarity Committee. We continued the business of the Province and the 100th Anniversary of the AFL in Alberta. A major float will be in the Gay Edmonton & Calgary Pride Parades and on display at the official AFL Celebration on June 16th.



2012 International Day Against Homophobia unveiled its 10th anniversary campaign, it is again May 17th this year on a work day (Thursday). See your local Regional Office for details.



May – June Fairy Tales Film Festival – The PSAC/CLC/AFL put together a banner for use on the house of labour frame that we used during the evening that we sponsored. The three members of our committee spoke on 1) creating harassment free workplaces 2) jobs within the municipal, provincial and federal levels for the GLBT youth 3) creating links between our jobs and community at large – ie. Volunteering or mentoring others. We were also honoured with the silver level sponsorship as the three unions donated \$1,000 for the festival. This year’s theme was “Juicy Flicks”.



June 9th: Attended with the AFL Pride & Solidarity Committee in the Edmonton parade. 10,000+ attended the hour long parade. Premier Alison Redford made the historic speech at the Pride Stage as the first Premier of Alberta to address the Pride festivities.

June 14th-16th: Attended the Executive Meetings in Edmonton on representing both the PSAC V.P. (Elaine Alt) and the Pride & Solidarity Committee. The 100th anniversary festivities, including the dinner, preparing the GLBT “house of labour” float/display.



August 16 to 26

Volunteered with our Calgary Human Rights Committee on the Globalfest Festival, this year's theme was aboriginal issues. There was 100 new Canadians sworn in during this ceremony. Our information booth raised \$1,000 for our two charities. PSAC information was displayed in the tipi supplied by the UTE local 30024



September 02nd: Participated in the 21st annual Calgary Pride Parade. Sister Marianne (REVP) joined us with other PSAC members and allies. There was also uniformed CBSA officers and Calgary Police Service officers walking in the parade with Agency approval. Also in attendance was Ron Moran, 4th VP of CIU.

2013

	<p style="text-align: center;">May 24th to June 01st</p> <p>Fairy Tales Film Festival – The PSAC/CLC/AFL sponsored a night at the festival with two powerful films “Call Me Kuchu” a drama based on human rights in Africa and “Parade” an eastern European film based on the events leading up to the parade in Belgrade in 2011.</p> <p>The three members of our committee spoke on 1) creating harassment free workplaces 2) jobs within the municipal, provincial and federal levels for the GLBT youth 3) creating links between our jobs and community at large – ie. Volunteering or mentoring others.</p> <p>We were also honoured again with the silver level sponsorship as the three unions donated \$3,000 for the festival, up \$2,000 from the year before. This year’s theme was “Come Out to Be Out”.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Calgary Flood: June 21st</p> <p>After the aftermath of the flood, the three Calgary Regional Office Committees and Marianne (REVP) approached the Social Justice Fund for monies for the five designated charities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calgary Drop-In Centre, 2. Calgary Women’s Centre, 3. Calgary Mustard Seed, 4. Stoney / Nakoda Food Bank and 5. Foothills Foundation (non-funded Seniors Lodge-High River)
	<p style="text-align: center;">July 12th – Calgary Drop-In Centre</p> <p>With our Social Justice money we were able to sponsor \$3,000 for a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner for 900+ residents of the centre. We also had ‘25’ PSAC Volunteers. A tour of the facility was also given to show the volunteers what other services the centre had to offer. The centre was evacuated to their secondary location because of the flooding....the centre had recently re-opened after the flood</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">July 29 – Mustard Seed Dinner</p> <p>With our Social Justice money we were able to sponsor a \$1,000 roast beef dinner for over 400+ residents of the ministry. We also had ‘15’ PSAC volunteers preparing and serving the dinners. A tour of the facility was also given to show the volunteers what other services the ministry had to offer (ie. Storage lockers for all their worldly possessions while they went to find work)</p>



CALGARY'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING RACISM and ENDING DISCRIMINATION

GlobalFest 2013: August 16 to 25

I opened a panel on discussions about racial discrimination in the GLBT community at the Glenbow Museum. We also volunteered with our Calgary Human Rights Committee and Area Council along with our Brothers & Sisters from UFCW at the festival. Globalfest's theme this year was aboriginal issues. There was 100 new Canadians sworn in during this ceremony.



Sunday - September 01st

Participated in the 22nd annual Calgary Pride Parade.

Three Mounties were sighted this year at the festivities, trying to get more law enforcement personnel to attend the parade. The Calgary Human Rights Committee to send letters to our law enforcement



November 18th - 22nd - National Human Rights Conference

First time ever all the five equity groups met in Toronto for this "mega conference". Lots of things worked, some didn't, timing was a luxury. Great speakers, again not enough time. Hotel was very accommodating though, but the rooms were all over the place!! Workshops were very well run, content was better and facilitators were more "engaging". Met with all of our ten (10) Prairie Pride Delegates and congratulated them for their attendance. The saying is PSAC-proudly Serving All Canadians !



December 12th - 13th - NHRC Meeting (Ottawa)

This meeting was cancelled, now rescheduled for March 03rd & 04th. Many items we couldn't work on got pushed aside again. Conference calls are not enough, we haven't had a face to face meeting since December 2010.

Sister Benson at the conference



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