Greetings prostate cancer community, friends, and neighbours.

May 2018 Number 224

Meeting Schedule Tuesday May 29, 2018
Monthly meetings are hosted at The Kerby Centre, 1133 7th Ave SW.

7:00-9:00PM AGM and Celebrate Our Volunteers event
Join us at 7pm for a Mix & Mingle. The AGM begins at 7:30pm and will be followed by a celebration of our volunteers. Join us and see where we have come from, where we are at and where we are headed. Snacks & non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

6:30-7:30PM Warriors Group
Facilitator: Frank Altin
Advanced & Recurrent Disease Room 208 (2nd Floor)

6:30-7:30PM Welcoming Group
Whether your newly diagnosed or new to PROSTAID Calgary, everyone is welcome.
Room 311 (Third Floor)

6:30-7:30PM Wives, Partners & Caregivers
No Meeting in May

The Kerby Centre is located at 1133 7th Ave SW. Parking is FREE in lots on both sides of 7th Ave. The WEST LRT conveniently stops at the front doors of the Kerby Centre. Our General Meetings are open to the public and free. A light snack and refreshments are served. Ladies, family members, and caregivers are always welcome!

2018 Cancer Survivorship Symposium
Folks, it’s almost here - PROSTAID Calgary’s 2018 Cancer Survivorship Symposium is less than 2 weeks away and we couldn’t be more excited! The guest speakers and political panelists have been confirmed; the Health & Wellness exhibits have been booked; and registration is picking up steam.

The Symposium is for men and women dealing with cancer, and their caregivers. It was created by PROSTAID Calgary as an opportunity to come together to discuss the most pressing issues facing Alberta’s healthcare system. The Symposium is being hosted on Saturday May 12th at the Grey Eagle Casino. It’s free to attend but registration is required. Please see Page 4 of this month’s Digital Examiner for more information or visit www.ProstaidCalgary.org

May 29th AGM at the Kerby Centre
There are no PROSTAID Calgary meetings at the Kerby Centre on Tuesday May 8th.
The May meetings have been rescheduled and will be hosted on Tuesday May 29. Join us at 7pm for our first annual “Celebrate our Volunteers” event. Mix & Mingle with the PROSTAID Calgary Board of Directors, volunteers & past directors, as well as the PROSTAID Calgary general membership. Mix & Mingle runs from 7pm - 7:30pm. The AGM kicks off at 7:30pm and will be followed by a Celebration of our Volunteers. Join us and see where we have come from, where we are at and where we are headed. Snacks & non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

*Please note that the Wives, Partners, and Caregivers group is not meeting in May.

Warm wishes,
Kelly Fedorowich
Executive Director,
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PROSTAID Calgary presents
2018 Cancer Survivorship Symposium
Saturday, May 12, 2018
Grey Eagle Casino
Calgary, Alberta
PROSTAID Calgary will be hosting a Hospitality Suite for out of town guests, in-town and out-of-town guest speakers and panelists, and health exhibitors who set up their booths Friday evening.

Date: Friday, May 11
Where: Grey Eagle Resort Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Dr
Room: Presidential Suite
Time: 6:30 PM - 9pm

Join us the evening before the Symposium for an informal reception with drinks and finger food. Perfect for those travelling in ahead of the event! Join us for an evening of relaxed camaraderie as we toast to the success of the 2018 Cancer Survivorship Symposium!

*You must be a registered guest of the Symposium to attend.

Ms. Brandy Payne
Associate Minister of Health,

Brandy Payne was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Calgary-Acadia on May 5, 2015. On February 2, 2016, Ms. Payne was appointed Associate Minister of Health. She previously served as deputy chair of the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee. She is also a past member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Families and Communities. Ms. Payne holds a journalism degree from Carleton University and graduated with high honours. She has also attended Mount Royal College, taking numerous training courses in project management. Prior to her election, Ms. Payne worked in administrative and management capacities for over 15 years, including as owner and operator of her own yoga business since 2010. She and her husband, Scott, are raising two young daughters, Zoe and Cassidy.

Mr. David Khan,
Leader, Alberta Liberal Party

David was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of British Columbia and a Juris Doctor degree in Law from the University of Toronto. He studied international and European human rights and constitutional law at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, and French at l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC) in Chicoutimi, Québec. David is fluent in both English and French.

Currently a lawyer licensed in Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, David practices primarily in the field of Indigenous rights and land claims. He has represented clients at all levels of court in numerous Canadian jurisdictions, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal, and superior and appellate courts in numerous provinces, as well as before regulatory and administrative tribunals and in private arbitrations.

David serves with several NGOs, including RESULTS Canada, part of an international network of organizations dedicated to eliminating poverty and increasing health outcomes internationally, and he acts pro bono for a number of groups.

David Khan was elected Leader of the Alberta Liberal Party on June 4th, 2017.

Mr. Greg Clark,
MLA Alberta Party

Greg Clark was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Calgary-Elbow on May 5, 2015.

He currently serves on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future.

Mr. Clark was previously a member of the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee and the Standing Committee for Resource Stewardship.

Prior to his election, Mr. Clark taught business management at the University of Calgary. He also worked as a consultant and project manager in the IT industry.
All panelists have been presented with the same 5 questions.
- Each panelist will have 15 minutes to speak.
- The 5 questions are only intended to serve as a guide to 'talking points' to help speakers focus their presentation. Speakers are encouraged to add their own additional talking points relevant to cancer care.

Questions for the Political Panel:
1. How will the opening of the new cancer centre in Calgary improve access to treatments and/or therapies?
2. What affect might this have on other health services or drug funding?
3. With an increasing and aging population, what plans are in place or what would you recommend be implemented to address wait times and limited services, particularly with respect to diagnostic imaging?
4. What do you feel the provincial government can do to improve screening programs and preventative medicine programs?
5. And what can the provincial government do to make existing programs more accessible?

Process
We plan to invite registrants to write down their questions on cards that will be placed on each table. The cards will be collected by volunteers during the morning sessions and presentations by political panelists. They will be given to the political panel facilitator who will frame specific questions for panelists during the Q&A session at the conclusion of all presentations. Each panelist might expect to be asked to respond to 2 questions. To encourage debate during the Q&A, the moderator will accept responses from other panelists on an equitable basis with only one person speaking at a time.
On Saturday, May 12TH, 2018, PROSTAID Calgary and our partners will hold a Cancer Survivorship Symposium at the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino. We’re lining up an exceptional group of speakers for this one-day Symposium on Cancer Survivorship and Advocacy. Our program will deal with issues related to cancer education, living well, new therapies, research, advocacy and funding. There will be a sponsored Hospitality Room on the Friday evening prior to the Symposium and a Health Fair exhibition on Saturday beginning at 8AM during the Symposium for non-profit organizations and medical / paramedical firms wishing to present information to attendees about their organizations, goods and services. Lunch and coffee breaks will also be provided.

Guest Speakers include Dr. Geoff Gotto, General Cancer Research; Dr. Gwynn Bebb, New Cancer Therapies; and Diana Wark, Sexuality and Cancer. Confirmed panelists for the political session include Associate Minister of Health Brandy Payne, Mr. David Khan Leader, Alberta Liberal Party, Mr. Greg Clark, MLA Alberta Party, and Mr. Tany Yao, MLA United Conservative Party.

The Symposium is free to attend. Registration is required. 

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