



GoldenCircle
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTRE

Annual Report 2014

April 2015

Vice Chair's Report

2014 was a very busy and successful year for the Golden Circle. Programs were well attended; special events sold out; the twice monthly Friday breakfasts, the Men's breakfast and the Travel Club really took off; and Senior's Week saw M.L.A.'s and Associate Minister, Dave Quest dropping in to enjoy tea and the Zany Fashion Show. Our new "Leaving a Legacy" Program was launched. We took part in the Parade and Happy Red Deer video. In October we hosted the two day Grey Matters Conference, which saw the highest attendance ever! We had two new banners designed - one promotes our "Leaving a Legacy" program - it is a beautiful blue, and very eye catching. The second one reflects and promotes the fact that the Golden Circle is a fun place to stay active as we age. You do not have to be a senior to join the Golden Circle, anyone over the age of 18 is welcome!

We saw a huge increase in new memberships in 2014. This is exciting because it shows us all:

board members, staff, volunteers, members and others in the community; that the Golden Circle really is a fun place to stay active, enjoy social events and make new friends.

We kicked off 2015 with our 2nd New Year's Eve Party and people are asking for it to become a regular thing! We implemented the

need to check out what else is going on at the Circle, the Program Committee did an awesome job of the 2015 Calendar. It can be viewed here <http://www.goldencircle.ca/lists/Calendar.pdf> if you don't have a hard copy of it.

Your destination for year 'round activities!



Our Outreach Department and staff - Loretta, Cindy, Martha and Anindita, are an important part of the Golden Circle and the work they do to help you remain independent, in your own home. If you are disabled and over the age of 18,

No Scent Policy because many people have allergies, asthma, or other health conditions that affect their breathing. The Frozen Meal Program continues to grow in leaps and bounds. Breakfasts have increased to every Friday and hot lunches have expanded to include the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Our Saturday Night Concerts are sold out events and are expanding to four this year. If you

or an older adult, we can help you access housekeeping, yard work, handyman and grocery delivery services. Our focus is to provide you with these valuable services to assist you in your home environment and to always treat you with dignity and respect. Recently Melody, who was on maternity leave, resigned. Cindy was covering for her and has now accepted the offer of Outreach Coordinator

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employment. We wish both of them all the best.

Delta Rempel, our Board Chair, is continuing to progress with her rehabilitation. Her journey has been long, with many stumbling blocks, but she can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. We look forward to welcoming her back in the Board Room soon.

In closing, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board, Monica and staff, for supporting me in my

role as acting chair until Delta returns. I could not do it without their help. We are a diverse group of people who all work extremely well together. I can honestly say it is one of the best Boards I have been privileged to be a part of.

To you, our members and volunteers, thank you for your participation. The Golden Circle would not be the place it is without you.

Sincerely,

*Linda Shepherd,
Vice Chair*

Finance Committee

Being relatively new to the Golden Circle Board, and serving as the Treasurer for the first time this year, I have been impressed with the procedures in place for making sure our books are in order. We are fortunate to have an excellent bookkeeper with several years of experience in the various aspects of accounting.

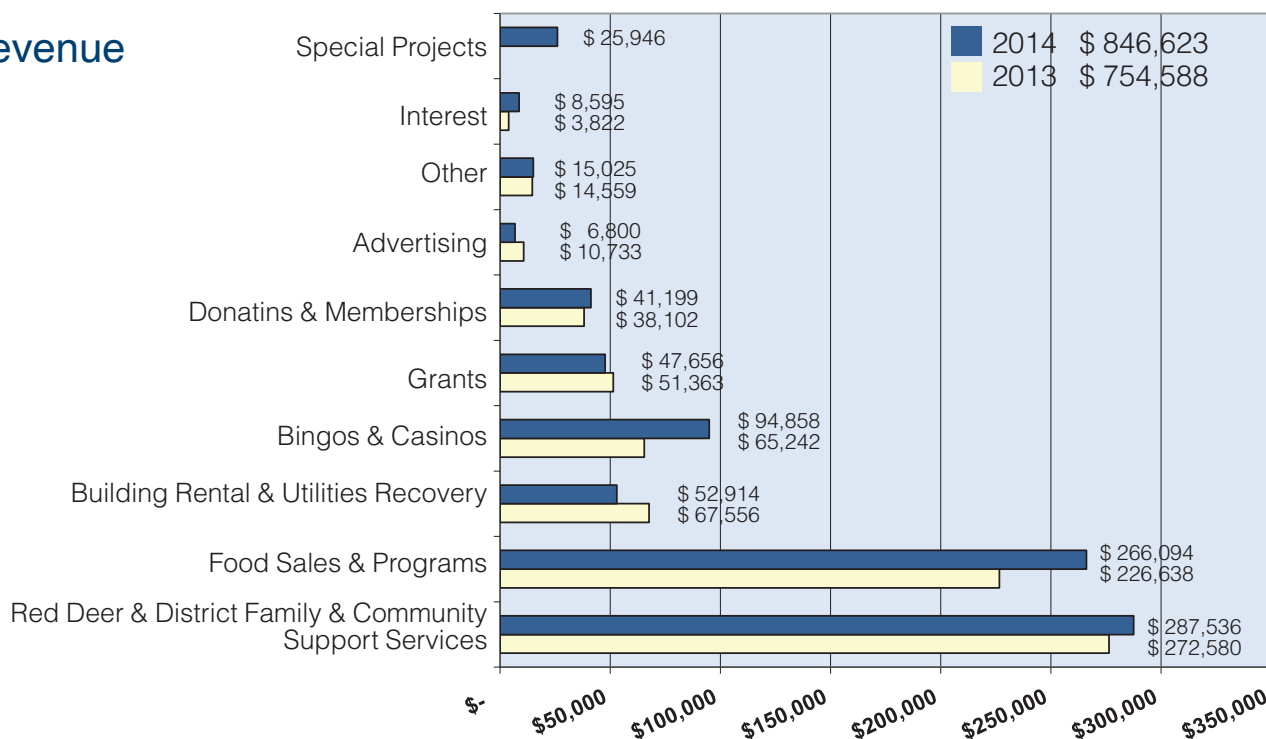
Our committee consists of Linda Liptak, treasurer; Ron Bower, Past Chairman; Doug Janssen, director; as well as Delta Rempel, president or her designate. Monica Morrison also attends to answer any questions we may have on the financial reports. We meet monthly to review the previous month's financials and then report to the board.

2014 was a good year for us financially, due in part to our hosting the Grey Matters Conference. Our membership was up, which is always an indication of a growing, vibrant organization.

*Linda Liptak,
Committee Chair*



Revenue



Fundraising Committee Newsletter Committee

The Golden Circle endeavors to effectively serve and support seniors in our community. An important part of this mission involves identifying and implementing fundraising initiatives. The Fundraising Committee met regularly over the last year to discuss possible fundraising ideas and ongoing initiatives. We are very excited about the “*Leaving a Legacy*” program which was launched by our Board Chair last June during Seniors week. Other ideas that will be implemented include a Christmas Letter Writing campaign, and the creation of a Golden Circle signature dessert dish. Your support for Golden Circle programs and services is most welcomed, as are your ideas for new initiatives.

Greg Wells, Committee Chair

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Program works with community agencies including Family Services and CARE. Services are continually expanding to provide and accommodate the needs of different ethnic groups and individuals with various needs and interests. Anindita, Cindy, Loretta and Martha continue to help eligible clients stay in their own homes by coordinating needed services.

They facilitate friendly visiting services, homemaking, yard services and encourage clients to take part in meals and programs at Golden Circle.

The Outreach Program is funded by Family and Community Support Services and Central Alberta United Way.

Sharon Vanin, Committee Chair

Our Newsletter is a great publication to keep you up to date on everything that goes on at the Circle. We print 500 copies every quarter and each edition is 16 – 24 pages. It's filled with information about people, programs and current or future events. We are fortunate to have several sponsors that place advertisements, for a fee, which helps offset the expense of printing costs. We thank them for their support which is greatly appreciated. If you wish to place an ad. please contact Monica at 403-343-6074 or mmorrison@goldencircle.ca for more information.

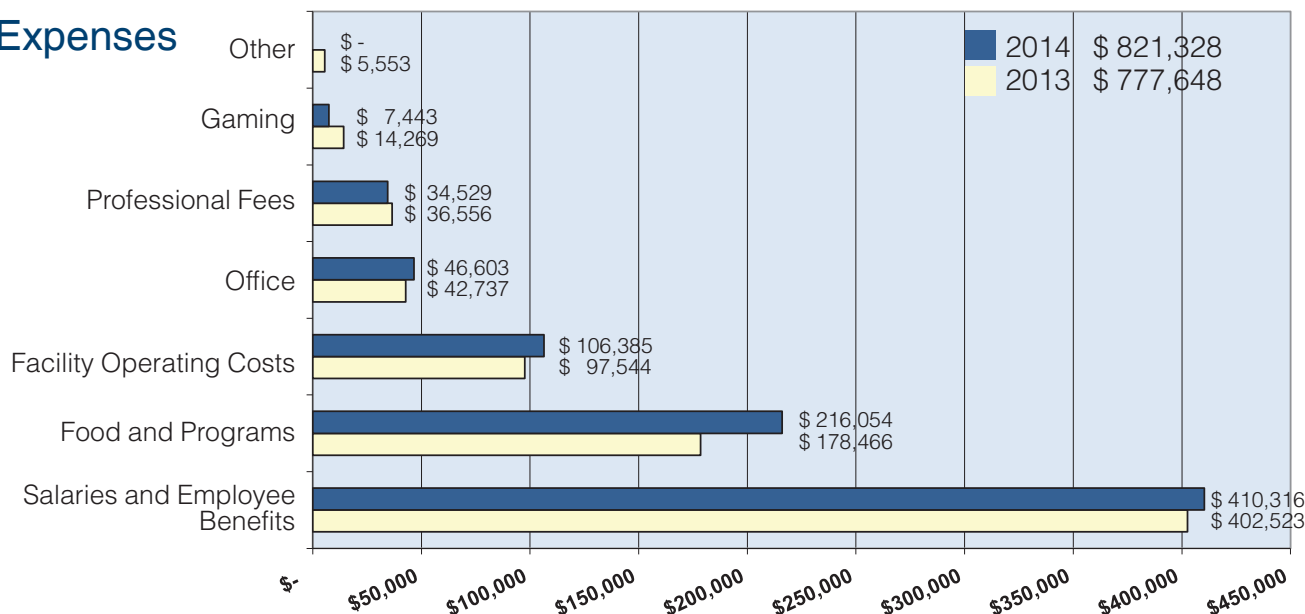


Many hours of work go into each edition as we strive to keep it informative, interesting, pleasing to the eye and fun to read. Our designer, Kerstin, at HeuerDesign does an incredible job of the layout. I always look forward to receiving the colorful first draft for editing. Thanks Kerstin!

As many of you are aware, I bring my camera to the events I attend and Diane, or another staff member, uses the Circle's camera, so we always have pictorial memories to go with the articles we write about. We are always looking for new content; so we encourage you, our members, to submit articles of interest. Poems, funny things, senior moments, gardening tips, unusual photos or anything you think others would enjoy reading about. Articles can be dropped off at the Front Desk or you can email them to me directly at lindashep@shaw.ca

Linda Shepherd, Newsletter Chair

Expenses

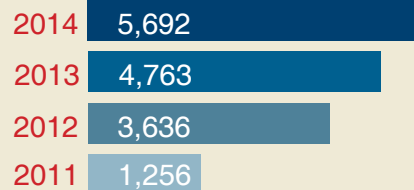


Policy Committee

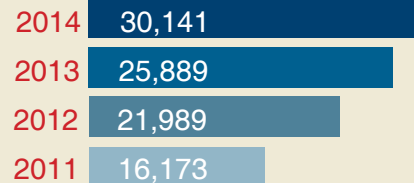
This Golden Circle Policy Committee is responsible for reviewing all policies and procedures and making recommendations on changes to ensure legal and regulatory compliance and consistency with our goals and objectives. To this end, your Policy Committee has been working with the Board to ensure that our organization is functional.

Doug Janssen, Committee Chair

Frozen Meals



Units of Services



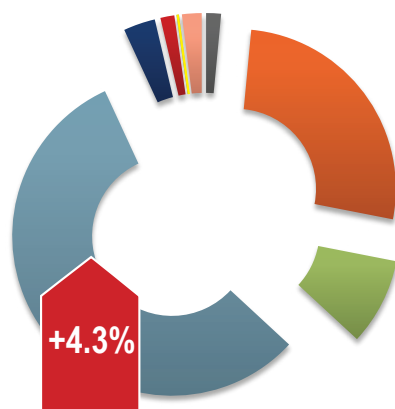
Program Committee

2014 has been another very successful year for our programs. From regularly scheduled classes such as yoga and Zumba, to theme dinners celebrating Great Britain, the Caribbean, Mexico, Russia – and Canada!, to Seniors Week events such as the Zany Fashion Show, to trips to San Francisco and the “Music Cities” organized by the Travel Club, to our new Concert Series featuring live local music, our programs have been very well attended and very well received. The Golden Circle has a vibrant and diverse membership with a wide variety of interests and needs. We strive to support this diversity through

programming that offers varied opportunities for self-growth and well-being, connectedness to others, and engagement with the community. As always, we welcome your feedback, ideas and suggestions.

Greg Wells, Committee Chair

Events at the Golden Circle



Total 2014: 20368

Board of Directors

Delta Rempel- Board Chair
Linda Shepherd- Vice Chair
Ron Bower- Past Chair
Jim Young- Secretary
Linda Liptak- Treasurer
Merle Brandvold, Bill Alm,
Sharon Vanin, Viggo Nielsen
Donna Stinson, Greg Wells
Doug Janssen

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