



UNITED  
COMMERCIAL  
TRAVELLERS

Sudbury Council 1051  
AUGUST 2022

## President's Message

Don Delongchamp

Hello fellow members, I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we are experiencing and everyone is doing fine.

On behalf of A.C.T./U.C.T Sudbury Council 1051 I want to express our most sincere condolences to the Conrad Houle family on the passing of Conrad. Conny was a most strong and proud member of our club for over 52 years. More on Conny to follow further in the newsletter.

Your club has been very busy this summer on your behalf. We had a great June meeting at our Games Night. It was a fun filled evening of games, laughter, and camaraderie. Thank you to all who attended.

We attended one of our junior ball teams to cheer them on and provided them with drinks and treats. We are the longest supporter of Sudbury Minor Baseball, with over 57 years of continuous sponsorship. Our second team game will be coming up shortly. We will advise of time and date. Please come out and cheer on these youngsters, they really enjoy and appreciate our support.

Your club also set up an information booth at The Northern Lights Festival Boreal from July 8th to the 10th. Hundreds of people stopped by our booth to chat and learn more about our club. Our lovely gift basket was won by Maer Brinkman of Sudbury. We even gained a golf team and signed up a few new members. It was a great weekend promoting our club on your behalf.

## Secretary's Report

Connie Zwarich

On June 15th we held our Games Night. We had 25 members and 3 guests in attendance. After the usual protocols were completed a new member Natasha Zwarich was inducted by Doug Honeyford and Don Delongchamp. We were then treated to a barbequed steak dinner. Doug Honeyford gave a report on the Regional Conference. Don Delongchamp gave the golf report. Teams are filling up quickly, but we still could use more prizes and silent auction items. We set up a booth at the Northern Lights festival June 8th – 10th. Volunteers manned the booth in 3-hour shifts.

Our next event is our golf tournament on August 20th at Forest Ridge. The teams are filling up fast. We are still in great need of prizes, so please check your closets and garages to see if you may have any small prizes that you are willing to donate. Just call me and I will be glad to come and pick them up, thank you.

We hope to have our members night sometime in September or October. We have over 50 deserving members who will be receiving their 5 yr. Incremental pins. There are members who will receive 40,50,60 and even 65 yr. pins! When our phone committee reaches out to you, please let them know that you can attend and not only receive your pin if warranted but to show your support to all those that will be receiving their well-deserved pins and awards. We hope to see many of you there.

In closing I want to remind all members to please renew your membership when it becomes due. For such a little amount you can be part of supporting so many needy people in our region, also there are many discounts to be had. You can save many times over your membership fees in Insurance savings alone. It is so vital for you to remain a member, so your club can stay strong and viable. We are so very much needed in our communities.

Thank You and Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.



*Games night crew at the June meeting*

**Good of the Order** - Member Stephanie fell and broke a few ribs. We wish her a quick recovery. Meeting was adjourned and theFun Night began.

# Convention Reports

Connie Zwarich



*Canadian group in Columbus, Doug Honeyford, Dave Syrota, Elly Opdenkelder, Connie Zwarich, Chris Phelan.*

## Regional Report

The convention was held in Medicine Hat Alberta May 26th-28th. Members Loretta and Dave Carnes, Doug Honeyford, Jerry Giff, Connie Zwarich and Peter McLeod attended in person. Don Delongchamp and Gil Hartley attended via ZOOM.

The executive held their meeting on the Thursday. Friday the Past regional Presidents held their meeting. Following this the Memorial Service was held. Next, groups departed to the golf course for the Annual Tournament or for the Gas City Tour.

The business meeting was held Saturday. President Elly Opdenkelder presided over the meeting. Committee reports were presented. Members voted on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. There were discussions about combining the roles of secretary and treasurer in the future and whether to alternate between virtual and in person meetings.

Angus Mulligan Award went to Rick Warner of Kelowna. Hank Aaron Award went to Medicine Hat.

***Congratulations to our Canadian members*** - Doug Honeyford for his election to the UCT Board of Governors, and the appointment of Rose Scarrow to the Jurisprudence Standing Committee and Connie Zwarich to the Memorial Service Standing Committee. It was decided that next year will be an in-person event with the location to be determined.

Roses for the Living was presented to Loretta Carnes  
Jerry Giff installed the new officers.

The 2022-2023 Regional Executive:  
Regional President - Connie Zwarich  
Past Regional President - Elly Opdenkelder  
Regional Vice President - Rose Scarrow  
Regional Secretary - Tony Rumsey  
Regional Treasurer - Loretta Carnes  
Regional Director - Chris Phellen  
Regional Executive Committee - Heather Carle  
Regional Executive Committee - Andy Jean  
Regional Chaplain - Gil Hartley

It was wonderful to meet in person after 2 years of virtual meetings. It was hoped that we will be able to continue with the in-person meetings each year.

## International Report

The Convention was held in Columbus Ohio June 24 – 25. On Friday morning there were 2 interactive sessions. The first dealt with Re-Fueling Fraternalism. Ideas were exchanges on how we could revitalize our membership. The second session was designed to assist members with computer skills and navigate the UCT Member's website.

Saturday was the business session. Some highlights include:

### Medal of Honour

Platinum - Sudbury Council 1051 - originally listed as Bronze but due to the diligence of Doug Honeyford it was corrected to the Platinum Level  
Bronze - Sherwood Park 1022  
Cranbrook 1023

### Newsletter

199 members or fewer – note all Canadian  
1st place – Edmonton 1016  
2nd place – Thunder Bay 1039  
3rd place – Medicine Hat 1020  
It was noted that due to lack of submissions for the Regional Newsletters it will be discontinued in the future.

Join Hands Day  
St Albert 1024  
Sudbury 1051

## 2022 – 2023 Executive

UCT President	Ken Milliser
Vice President	Stanna Funk
Chairman of the Board	Dianna Wolfe
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Redman
UCT 1st Director	David VanOrder
UCT 2nd Director	Bernie Regenbogen
UCT 3rd Director	Scott Newcombe
Board of Governors (3yrs)	Doug Honeyford



*Nathan Stagg - recipient of 2 UCT scholarships.*

## Scholarship

Ann Marshall Scholarship

A total of 26 students received \$700.

Nathaniel Stagg from Sudbury was one of the recipients.

Nathaniel Stagg just graduated on the Dean's Honor List from a three-year Commerce Program at Sudbury's Cambrian College and in September heads to University in Toronto towards his MBA program. Nathan qualified for TWO UCT Scholarships this year, the Grand Councils Association and the Ann Marshall Scholarship programs. Congratulations Nathan.



*Cheque presented to Chris and Claire Sheridan for the Sudbury Parkinson's Support Group*

## Conrad Houle

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend Conny Houle a few days ago as it seems like only yesterday we were having coffee in his family room and talking about projects to be done on Manitoulin. An energetic 85 years young the Good Lord must have had a reason to call this man of faith home.

Conny and Sheila had been married 62 years and they were years of triumph and as you know some tragedy. Proud parents and grandparents' "Family" was always the most important element in their lives.

In 1980 Conny and Sheila founded Tracks and Wheels, an enterprise that grew through the years to become one of Canada's top mining equipment suppliers. The philosophy of putting customers needs first and giving every day your best reflected in their success.

Joining ACT/UCT in December 1969 the Houle family exuded our motto, recruiting their friends to become members, supporting every activity, opening their home on many occasions for celebrations and conferences, picking up the "bar" tab very often, and the largest purchaser of our Vitto Christmas Hams, which they donated to worthy causes. Many times, when we would have a guest speaker at a Members' Meeting speaking of a worthy charity their cheque book would surface and without fanfare the Houle family quietly made their own personal donation.

Covid prevented us from celebrating our Members these past two years. Conny should have received his 50-year recognition and thanks in 2020.

Please keep Sheila and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## The Parkinson's Association Walk

Join us September 10 at Delki Dozi Park to take part in the Sudbury Parkinson's Association Superwalk. For over a decade we have supported this fine organization and as you know Parkinson's Disease has afflicted some of our members over the years. From Small Steps Comes Great Progress is this year's theme. Consider walking a few steps and assist in pledges and fund raising. For more information email Doug Honeyford [goramseylake@hotmail.com](mailto:goramseylake@hotmail.com)

Making A Difference Together!



# Humour

Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes to a friend: The other day I went up to our local Christian bookstore and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed. I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!' 'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!' What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!! A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So, I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!! Life Is Good, Enjoy It!

## General Meeting

Usually the first Wednesday of EACH month

## Monthly Executive Meeting

Usually the second Thursday of EACH month

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