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CEO Commentary

On behalf of the ACCA Team and Board of Directors, I would like to thank our many Members and supporters of quality Continuing Care, from the exhibitors, sponsors, delegates and speakers, to the nominators and nominees of the Awards of Excellence, who helped make IQ 2018 a great success! To quote Mike Conroy, President & CEO of The Brenda Strafford Foundation, "*The content was incredibly relevant and timely to the Continuing Care industry in Alberta and beyond. The presentations provided the right proportion of disruptive thinking to prepare all of us to serve seniors in more appropriate and progressive ways. ACCA at its best!*"



We are still going through the evaluations with the goal of improving IQ year over year, and we encourage anyone interested in joining the 2019 Program Committee to get in touch with us!

There is one more opportunity this year to join with your peers in networking and learning, and we encourage all our Members to attend next week's important Annual General Meeting (sponsored by Rexall Health Solutions) on November 15, followed by our 3rd Annual Corporate Membership Appreciation Reception (sponsored by Pharmicare Pharmacy). You will hear important updates regarding ACCA initiatives, including our Government Relations Strategy, and guest speaker Paul McLoughlin, Analyst of Alberta Politics, will also be speaking! RSVP to debra.brunner@ab-cca.ca.

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

CALTC Recommendations for 2019 Budget: The ACCA is a Member of the Canadian Association for Long Term Care (CALTC) and Tammy Leach, along with CALTC peers, was in

Nov. 15: ACCA AGM & Reception - Join Us!

Following our AGM, we encourage all Members and guests to stay for our 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Reception hosted by Pharmicare Pharmacy. Along with great food, they will be sharing a gift for all attendees - a personal Christmas Survival Kit and Holiday Themed Flu Prevention Poster to take to our communities. Don't miss it!

Thank You and Best Wishes to Dale Forbes

The ACCA would like to thank Mr. Dale Forbes for his service and dedication to the Continuing Care industry and to ACCA, having served as Board Chair this past year. Effective November 6, Ian Woodcock will serve the remainder of Dale's term as Board Chair.

Congratulations Truman Severson!

Ottawa November 6-7 making recommendations for the 2019 Federal Budget, calling on the government to use federal infrastructure funding to help rebuild older care homes and fund the creation of 42,000 new long-term care beds across Canada. CALTC also urged the government to address the severe labour shortage in long-term care and provide better access to innovation and data. [Click here](#) for the CALTC news release.

Government Relations (GR) Update: The ACCA GR Team sent thank you letters to the leaders of the Alberta Party and United Conservative Party thanking them for having invited us to join them in Roundtable Sessions on Continuing Care. ACCA would like to let our Members know that we are currently working on a position paper which we will be submitting to the UCP to assist with policy direction around key areas identified at the Roundtable, and a further session is scheduled with other members of the party in the coming weeks. Join us at our AGM to hear more about the GR Strategy!

Welcome new Deputy Minister of Seniors and Housing: The ACCA received a letter from Susan Taylor, introducing herself as newly appointed Deputy Minister of Seniors and Housing. We look forward to meeting and working with her in making life better for seniors in Alberta.

Member Value & Engagement

ACCA 2019 Awards of Excellence Winners - Congratulations to All! ACCA would like to offer our sincerest congratulations to the over 40 nominees for this year's Awards of Excellence! The deserving winners were announced at ACCA's Awards Gala held in conjunction with our annual Inspiring Quality Conference among family, friends, and the top talent in the Continuing Care industry!

The Awards Committee had a very difficult time selecting the winners and, in fact, the Innovator of the Year resulted in a tie. The 5 exceptional winners who were honoured are:

- The Brenda Strafford Foundation, accepted by President & CEO Mike Conroy - Innovator of the Year
- Megan Darvill - Innovator of the Year
- Dianne Armstrong - Volunteer of the Year
- Norma Jackson - Lifetime Achievement
- Jun Christian Odtojan - Care Provider of the Year

Learn more about their achievements by clicking here. ACCA will be issuing a separate press release and print announcement of congratulations. Stay tuned!

Community Engagement

The Chinatown Multi-level Care Foundation, Edmonton, is pleased to advise that Truman Severson has been appointed Executive Director of the Foundation. Truman is known for his diligent pursuit and delivery of quality care and service to residents and families and we congratulate him on this new role!

Remembrance Day

On November 11, we take a moment to remember the ultimate sacrifice so many gave for the freedom we have today, and to thank all of our veterans. Please note, the ACCA office will be closed November 12.



IQ 2018 Photos!

We have uploaded some photos of the IQ 2018 Conference and invite you to take a look by [visiting the ACCA Website!](#) And, save the date for IQ 2019 happening October 23 & 24, 2019 (location being finalized). Pictured: 82 years young Ernie Shepherd!

Through an innovative partnership, Youth Singers of Calgary (YSC) and JB Music Therapy (JBMT) have developed a new program, Memory Lane Chorus. This pilot project provides adults with dementia and their care partners, family members, and friends the opportunity to enjoy a positive singing experience in a safe, judgement free environment. Memory Lane Chorus begins January 9, 2019 with sessions happening Wednesdays at 1:30pm in Calgary. Contact Sierra Beaulieu for more information at yscadmin@youthsingers.org or www.youthsingers.org/register.

[Click here](#) for a Report of findings for Phase 1 of a study on Sexual Expression in Continuing Care. For more information, please contact Dr. Brassolotto, Assistant Professor, AIHS Chair in Rural Health and Well-being, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge: julia.brassolotto@uleth.ca.



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