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## UCT convention highlights 2022

UCT members gathered for the first time in two years to take part in the one-day, in-person/virtual 2022 UCT convention held Saturday, June 25, at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio. Members were able to participate in the workshops, memorial service, business session, and installation, and those who were eligible voted for officers, amendments, and resolutions. The following are some highlights that came out of the convention.

**The UCT Board of Governors for 2022-2023 was elected and installed during the convention. Board members are:**

- UCT President – Kenneth Milliser, Ohio
- UCT Vice President – Stanna Funk, Colorado-Wyoming
- UCT Chairman of the Board – Dianna Wolfe, Wisconsin
- UCT Secretary-Treasurer – Rick Redman, Mississippi-Louisiana
- UCT Director – David Van Order, Ohio
- UCT Director – **Bernie Regenbogen, Atlantic**
- UCT Director – Scott Newcombe, New England
- UCT Board of Governors – Thomas "Butch" Liebaert, Wisconsin
- UCT Board of Governors – **Doug Honeyford, ACT-UCT**
- UCT Chaplain – John Thompson, Ohio

Amendments to the constitution were passed during the convention. The amendments this year primarily addressed title changes to ensure continuity within the constitution. In addition, two resolutions to the standing orders pertaining to a title change and disbanding the I.S.T.A. were passed.



Outgoing UCT Chairman of the Board Mary Applegate received her past international president honors during the convention, as did outgoing UCT Board of Governors Member **Dave Syrota** (pictured above with his wife Glenda). Both were recognized for their dedication and service to UCT. Mark Brown was also honored as a Past UCT Chaplain as was the late Curt Barnes who passed away while holding the office.



Outgoing Board of Governors Member **Dave Syrota**, left, congratulates newly installed Board of Governors Member **Doug Honeyford** as Dave presents Doug with his UCT Officer lapel pin.



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## Sam Adams honored as UCT Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Sam Adams of Cape Breton Council 883 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, (pictured here with wife Mary Helen) for being named the 2022 UCT Volunteer of the Year during our annual convention that took place in Columbus on Saturday.

Sam is considered by fellow members to be a cornerstone of his local council and the community – and he has been for over 40 years. Even during



COVID, he was instrumental in supporting youth sports, Special Olympics, The Salvation Army, the Royal Canadian Legion, local food banks, council appreciation events, and mentoring new, younger members.

Sam's dedication to helping coordinate a local Chase the Ace fundraiser resulted in more than \$200,000 raised to benefit many community groups and causes Council 883 supports.

Sam lives by the motto of "People Helping People" and embodies its true spirit in everything he does. UCT is lucky to have him working on our behalf. A much-deserved honor, Sam!

## Bridges of Friendship Award granted to New Brunswick organization

Two community organizations, one in the U.S. and the other in Canada, were each granted \$5,000 for their programs from UCT Charities through the Bridges of Friendship Award at the UCT convention.

The award is based in our organization's grassroots, the local council, to reward non-profit organizations in local communities that members support through volunteering and donations.

The ONE Change, Inc. in Saint John, New Brunswick, was this year's Canadian recipient. ONE Change provides services that address issues such as crime, poverty, unemployment, poor health, and lack of education in the Saint John area. Kudos to UCT's Jack Kidd Council 755 in Saint John for nominating this outstanding organization for this award!



# Report of the Canadian Delegation

***Douglas G. Honeyford, Past Regional President; President, Canadian Delegation***

The Canadian delegation has not had a meeting during this past year, and with very few members planning to attend Columbus this year, I am requesting all officers to remain in place and hopefully in 2023 an election can be held.

Covid has had a significant impact on all three Canadian regions and each and every council. The lack of "in-person" gatherings, fundraising activities, and community support contributed to our loss of 123 members.

We hope and pray that this next fiscal year will see things getting back to normal, and at the time of writing this report, certainly things are looking up. Most councils have been able to resume monthly meetings. Each region was able to conduct in-person conferences in May 2022 and elect new executives.

A few delegates will be attending the international conference in Columbus.

Benefits or perks of belonging to UCT continued to expand in Canada this past year, the highlight being the addition of a coast-to-coast home and auto insurance program through Brokerlink. We have been encouraging councils to include the Canadian member fact sheet with their member newsletters so everyone is familiar with the bursary programs, the suite of travel discounts, the life insurance, out of country medical coverage, and the list goes on.

I have been requesting our three regions to make MEMBERSHIP their main objective for this year.



## Canadian members in action

**Nothing can stop Canada's UCT local councils from doing what they do best – making a difference in their communities. Kudos to the councils that have stepped up and stepped out to support local causes and charities!**



**Restigouche Council 781, Campbellton, New Brunswick**

Member Dan Leger, left, is over-the-moon happy to present \$10,000 on behalf of the council to Yves Coulombe, right, and student representatives of Polyvalente Roland-Pépin High School to help with their efforts to purchase a new bus.

The council also sponsored a day of fun for the participants at Atelier Production Restigouche Workshop by providing lunch at House of Lee and an afternoon of fun at Bowlarama Bathurst. Special thanks to member Ray Englehart for driving the bus!!

**James B. Chrisp Council 448,  
Brandon, Manitoba**

Wayne Schmitz, right, presents Cam Hotel with a \$3,200 donation for the Ashley Neufield Softball Complex. Council 448 raised the funds through a 50/50 raffle and Travo Chase the Ace added some additional funds to the complex cut. Fantastic, Council 448!





**Jack Kidd Council 755, Saint John, New Brunswick**  
 Members Michelle Trainor and Theresa McKiel spend a morning making 50+ sandwiches to deliver to Forest Hills Elementary School and Bayside Middle School as part of the community-wide Brown Bag Lunch Program. The program provides nutritious lunches to students who need a helping hand to ensure they aren't going hungry.

Council 755 also donated needed items to community partners Crescent Valley Resource Centre and ONE Change, Inc., as well as spending a day sprucing up the grounds at Catena Jobs Plus Centre and making weekly deliveries of baked goods to Saint John's Outflow Ministry. Never slow down, Council 755!



**Sudbury, Ontario Council 1051**

Members join with members of the Dolphin Scuba Club to clean up a section of Route 80 for their Join Hands Day project. Council 1051 has maintained the section of road twice a year since 1998 for the Adopt a Road program.

The council also donated \$500 to Sudbury's Elgin Street Mission to help with its programs and contributed \$1,000 to the Sudbury-Manitoulin Children's Foundation for their send-a-kid-to-camp program and presented them with 30 handmade warming blankets.



**St. Albert, Alberta Council 1024**

Members of Council 1024 pass out candy and UCT information along the annual Rodeo Parade route. The council also spent a day collecting food for the St. Albert Food Bank. Nice job, Council 1024!



**Portage la Prairie, Manitoba Council 923**

Member Peggy Larson, left, presents a \$500 donation to a representative of Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club, which builds and maintains local trails for cross country cycling, hiking, snowshoeing, and classic cross-country skiing. The donation will help with the club's latest endeavor to include interpretive trails, bike paths, toboggan hills, and trail systems that will be accessible for individuals with disabilities.



**Regina, Saskatchewan Council 266**

Members George and Jean Thomas present a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the council to the Regina Raiders Special Olympics Soccer Team to help with their participation in the Raiders Prairie Soccer Invitational Tournament.



**Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926**

Lisa Bilcowski, left, with the Minnedosa Regional Library accepts a \$300 donation from Council 926 members Carrie Winder and Lorraine Ambrose for the library's summer reading program. The council also made sandwiches for emergency workers during an overload flood in Minnedosa and conducted a UCT Safety Poster Contest. Very nice, Council 926!



**Red Deer, Alberta Council 1021**

Members Duane Demeria, Berni Smithman, and Margaret Bourgojn, far right, present a \$500 donation to a representative of The Lending Cupboard, which provides medical equipment to those in need. The council also contributed \$500 each to the Red Deer Action Group, Red Deer Special Olympics, and the Red Deer Food Bank.



**Kelowna West Council 1003, Kelowna, British Columbia**

Members donate \$5,000 to BrainTrust Canada to help reduce preventable brain injury in children and youth through prevention initiatives. The council has supported the organization for six years and has been a big advocate of its helmet safety program. In addition, the council raised over \$5,000 to purchase a new medical bed for MOVE to Cure ALS. Great job, Council 1003!