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FADS First Official AGM

As we mentioned in the fall edition, we will be holding our first official AGM open to all members during the UCBP debate tournament. The time of the meeting will be 8:00pm in Science A Room 119 at the University of Calgary. All FADS members, and anyone interested in joining are welcome to attend. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Annual Reports
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Activities Report
 - c. Membership Report
3. Plans for the Year Ahead
4. Election of New Board
 - a. President - Vacant
 - b. Vice President - David Tupper
 - c. Treasurer - Anne Thomas
 - d. Member at Large - Blair Ching
 - e. Members at Large - Martin Poirier
 - f. Member at Large - Siobhan Kirkland
5. Other

6. Adjournment

Please attend if you are available, we would like all of your input on how to move forward in maximizing our potential as supporters of debate in Alberta. If you are outside of Calgary, and would like to attend the meeting by phone, or nominate someone for a board position, please contact us at friendsofdebate@gmail.com.

-Elisa Frank, President

ADSA Fundraising Casino

We have our first opportunity since the incorporation of FADS to assist the Alberta Debate and Speech Association with their major fundraiser, a volunteer Casino. The ADSA needs 38 volunteers over two days, February 24-25, 2010 at the Palace Casino in Edmonton to fulfil its volunteer requirement. Gas Money and accommodation are available to those travelling from outside Edmonton.

It is difficult to find enough volunteers for this event as the students are too young, and it is difficult to get that many parents out during the work

week. As supporters of debate in Alberta, we are asking that anyone who is able to volunteer for a Casino shift please contact the Casino coordinator at adebate@compusmart.ab.ca. The majority of the ADSA's programming budget comes from the charitable donations through working a Casino.

If you are not familiar with this type of fundraising, Alberta does not allow gambling except for charitable purposes. Therefore, the way Casino's in Alberta function is that a large portion of their proceeds are donated to charitable organizations throughout the province. In order to receive part of these proceeds, organizations need to fill volunteer positions over two days at an Alberta Casino. You can visit the Alberta Gaming

and Liquor Commission Website for more details. The positions include Cashier, chip runner, money, counting, and shift managers. We fill these roles to help the AGLC to ensure that no money comes through the Casino unaccounted for. These roles are much less taxing than the type of work required at Bingo fundraisers for example. Much of the time you are there can be used to read, relax, watch television, or chat with the other volunteers. Many people enjoy volunteering with a spouse or a friend. Meals and snack are also provided.



Alberta Debate and Speech Association Schedule of Events

Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of any of these activities

January

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| 8 | Calgary | – Workshop for Sr. Bp Debate Style @ U of C, Invitation and Registration. |
| 9 | Calgary | – Sr. BP style Debate Tournament @ U of C |
| 13 | Calgary | – Stampede Jr. Debate Tournament @ Queen Elizabeth |
| 23 | Edmonton | – Jr. Debate Tournament @ Steele Heights. Invitation & Registration. |
| 29 | Calgary | – Calgary Catholic PD Day (K to 9) |
| 29 | Calgary | – Calgary Public - PD Day |

February

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| 2 | Edmonton | – Catholic Faith Day |
| 5 | Calgary | – Speech Regionals (Jr. & Sr.) @ Forest Lawn |
| 6 | Calgary | – Jr. Debate Tournament @ Webber Academy - Topic 3 |
| 6 | Edmonton | – Speech Regionals (Jr. & Sr.) @ Aurora School |
| 6 | Calgary | – Sr. Debate Tournament @ Henry Wise Wood. Invitation and Registration. |
| 5-8 | Winnipeg | – 210 Canwest National Speech Championships |
| 8-19 | Qatar | – World Schools Debating Chamionships |
| 11/12 | Calgary | – ATA Teachers Convention |
| 12 | Alberta | – Deadline for submitting candidates for the Mike Dorval Award |
| 19/20 | Edmonton | – Model United Nations @ U of A (HSMUN 2010) |
| 20 | Alberta | – Speech Provincials @ Webber Academy |
| 25/26 | Edmonton | – ATA Teachers Convention |
| 27 | Calgary | – Bilingual Debate Regionals @ CFIS |
| 27 | Calgary | – Calgary Jr. Debate Regionals @ Queen Elizabeth |
| 27 | Edmonton | – Jr. Debate Regionals @ Vernon Bartford |
| 28 | Calgary | – Model United Nations @ U of C (HSMUN 2010) |
| ? | Edmonton | – Edmonton Sr. Debate Regionals @ TBA |

March

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| 5 | Alberta | – Deadline for submitting candidates for John Baty Award & Janet Garen award |
| 6 | Calgary | – Sr. Debate Regionals @ Western Canada |
| 13 | Alberta | – Debate Provincials @ Strathcona-Tweedsmuir |



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Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested in keeping in touch with Debate or Speech in Alberta.

If you have not yet joined our database, follow this link to fill in the registration form now!

(We promise only to contact you about things you tell us you're interested in on the form)

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=pSaHK7XcWI2ZnXQBqGHCDOW&email=true>

Check out our Web Page!

friendsofadsa.com

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