

Family Fun Day Fundraising Kick-Off a HUGE Success!

On February 15th the annual Family Fun Day event was combined with a Fundraising Kick-Off for our new community hall, and what a day it was! Thanks to Longriders for the wagon rides, the Gilbert family for taking care of the rink & rink shack, Gold Bar Scouts for the fire barrel, and the City of Edmonton children's activity leaders – you were all instrumental in making the afternoon event a success. To all who contributed to the silver collection and/or brought food bank donations, thank you!

“Love Your Community” was the theme for the evening event. The hall was packed with people of all ages who enjoyed delicious homemade chili along with hot dogs, salad, and cake. Architect's concept drawings of the new hall and a slide show were displayed throughout the evening. Laurie Scott, Chair of the Gold Bar Building Committee, spoke about the committee's progress so far. After some arm-twisting we had a good number of participants for the pie-eating contest and they are to be commended for their adventurous spirit and great sportsmanship! Congratulations to the winners **Nicholas Abboud** (Children 8-12), **Curtis Walmsley** (Teens 13-17), **Christine Gonkowicz** (Gals 18+), and **Craig Lemiski** (Guys 18+). Thanks also to the judges Lorna Abramic, Mary Lou Gerling, Joe Goebel, Lois Ough, and John Yakimishyn. You did a fine job! John's wife **Lil Yakimishyn** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw!

Thank you to the **City of Edmonton, Ticketmaster, Solis-Wellness, Patti Babyn** (Mary Kay consultant), and **Laurie Scott** for your extremely generous contest prize donations. A special thank you goes to Glen LaValley who made amazing balloon animals for the winners and all the children in attendance.

The organizing committee consisting of Lorna Abramic, Lise Allman, Trudy Berry, Pat Cork, Heather Hopgood, and Isabella Pierce did an outstanding job, with additional help from Tim & Stacey Herbrik, Diane Ryan, Linda Stein, and Murray Badger. A final thank you goes out to everyone who helped “at the last minute” where help was needed. In all, **\$801.40** was raised for the new hall.