

Among the many of last year's great initiatives our United Way Campaign takes center stage. Valiant Trust received the Platinum Award from the United Way for having 100 per cent employee volunteer participation. Our initiatives included a silent auction, a M&M's sponsored BBQ at the Trans-Canada Store and a Bake Sale in the main foyer. In true western spirit employees volunteered at the Mustard Seed, the Drop-in-Center, for Meals on Wheels and even helped paint the YWCA. Through the constant dedication and support of our staff, Valiant was able to raise \$8,772.48!



Peeling potatoes and preparing to serve lunch at the Mustard Seed.

Heather Foidart was responsible for coordinating the campaign and she won the prestigious, "Presidents Award of Excellence," for her efforts. Also a huge thanks to Donna and Candace for their outstanding contributions to the campaign, it could not have been done without them. Among other good news, Sean's convocation is this spring and he is graduating with a bachelor of Finance. Glen got married in the Philippines last January and his beautiful wife is now home with him. Stephanie has been perfecting her slap shot, reaching speeds of 63 miles per hour in a shoot out at her All-Star game at the Pengrowth Saddledome. Joyce's daughter traveled all the way from Australia to Calgary with

her granddaughter Skye and her Father. Skye touched the hearts of everyone in the office with her visits and we wish her all the best in the future.

Valiant hosted a baby shower for Lisa Disley over a lunch hour. This was a fun, memorable event for the women and especially the men on staff. Conception organized the festivities. Lisa gave birth to a baby boy named Brady Clifford Regan Disley, on January 21, at 9:06 am. The excitement hasn't stopped there with Kelsey and Narceli both announcing their pregnancies. The New Year promises to be a happy and exciting time for all.



Lisa Disley's baby boy, Brady Clifford Regan Disley.

Multi Cultural day was a huge success at Valiant. Every country from Canada, the Philippines, Spain, China and even the province of Nova Scotia was proudly represented!



Multi-Cultural day at Valiant Trust

Valiant has seen the addition of many new faces this past year and we had the privilege of warmly welcoming aboard Matt Colpitts, Valiant's new General



Bob Morris making a farewell speech to Sandra Almond at her retirement party at Gypsy's Café.

Manager in August. We also bid a fond farewell to Sandra Almond who semi-retired this year. All the best Sandra, you are missed!

The Christmas party was held at the Safari lounge and it was a rowdy time filled with alcohol and animals...but we won't go there. What happens at Valiant stays at Valiant, right?

Valiantly our employees also took some well-deserved time out to travel the globe. Heather went to Thailand, both John and Mike traveled to Hawaii on separate occasions but both somehow managed to have non-life threatening encounters with sharks. Conception returned home to the Philippines for the Christmas season, her son Jose had a blast partying it up in Hong Kong. Dave and Ingrid both took trips to Vegas, Bob traveled to Ireland, Jane, Joe and Debbie all went to Mexico and Rita went on an adventurous bus tour around Europe.

The future looks just as exciting; Valiant Trust is growing very quickly and we are one step closer to our goal of world domination. We now have over 40 employees and have expanded our Calgary office location at the end of February.

— "The" John Smith & Heather Foidart

Bill Addington Receives an FMCA Award

The Fellow of The Society of Management Accountants of Canada (FCMA) is a prestigious national honorary designation that is awarded to CMAs who, through their outstanding achievements, bring distinction to the management accounting profession and serve as role models for others. An FCMA designation demonstrates excellence in management accounting, commitment to CMA Canada, and a civic mindedness that brings community respect to the member and the profession. FCMAs are nominated by their peers, who have recognized their exemplary qualities and contributions. This year ten Albertans were among 46 CMAs across Canada to receive their FCMA designation this year.



Tracey Ball Receives an FCA Designation

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (ICAA) announced that Tracey Ball be awarded the highest designation the profession bestows – the prestigious Fellow of the Chartered Accounts (FCA) designation. Tracey Ball will be recognized at the 2007 Merit Awards Gala to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Calgary on Friday, June 8, 2007.



This year 22 Alberta CAs are being honoured for significant contributions to the CA profession, as well as civic, charitable and other community causes.

Award of Excellence

The Award of Excellence recognizes individuals who display qualities for which Canadian Western Bank Group is known and which are inherent under the brand "Think Western". When staff "Think Western", they exceed expectations in the area of client service (both internal and external), peer relationships, innovation and initiative. They are enthusiastic about their work and their Bank; reliable, respectful, and responsive to both customers and co-workers.

The following are the 2006 recipients of this prestigious award. These individuals made a significant contribution to the Bank and had a positive impact on the employees who nominated them. Great job, everyone!

- Lucia Bermedo, CAP Loans
- Sheila Ditchfield, Langley
- Tera-Lee Flavel, Regina
- Heather Foidart, Valiant
- Erica Jensen, Old Strathcona
- Osanna Lai, CDI, BC
- Jonathan Lang, Red Deer
- William Lee, Calgary South Trail Crossing
- Eileen Schaub, DPC, Vancouver
- Sandy Schultz, CDI Edmonton
- Jessi Takhar, CWT
- Cheri Wong, CAP Deposits

Joshua Knaak (Calgary South Trail Crossing) completed Investment Funds in Canada.

Karen McAlpine, Assistant Manager, Corporate Security completed her diploma in Investigations and Security Management from Grant MacEwan College.