

Keith Mann

After graduating High School in 1972, Keith's academic career was shortened when his scholarship was dropped after the Football program had been discontinued at Brandon University.

He then chose to enter the working world. Very early in his life he became a very active volunteer with organization such as Minor Hockey serving as an on ice official for 14 years. He was an active member of the Lions Club serving in many positions on their Executive. Keith married his wife Barb in 1976, they have two sons Curtis and wife Kim, Derek and wife Shena along with 3 Grandchildren.

After 8 successful years in the Lumber Business with the Co-op Retailing System in Manitoba, Keith and his Family transferred to Stettler, Alberta in 1979. He again resumed his volunteering with Minor Hockey, Royal Canadian Legion, Stettler Elks Lodge and the Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1988, Keith and his family moved to Calgary, and with the encouraging of his family, put his volunteering activities on hold. After his wife and son Curtis became involved with 52 Squadron, Keith's talents in Fund-raising and general scrounging became apparent and in 1990 was "recruited" to join the Committee at 52, and he hates phone books to this very day. After 20 plus years in the Lumber and Trucking Industry, he made a career change and enrolled with SAIT in the Power Engineering Program receiving his 4th Class Power Engineers Ticket, which he presently holds. Keith switched gears after 7 years with the Palliser Hotel as their Assistant Chief Engineer, and opened his own Home Repair and Renovation business which he presently operates.

Keith's cadet involvement has seen him as Fund-raising Director, Sponsor Committee Chairman, League Representative, Southern Zone Director, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Alberta Provincial Committee. If this was not enough to capitalize on his volunteer time, Keith had the honor of being nominated and elected to serve as a Governor with the National Board of Governors of the Air Cadet League of Canada. In his Governor role Keith Chaired the National Courses Selections Committee, Vice Chair of the National Effective Speaking Committee and Alberta Representative on the National League / Aviation & Aerospace Industry Committee. In 2011 Keith was elected as a National Vice President and in that role is the Chair of the National Effective Speaking Committee and Chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

When not working on Cadet activities, Keith serves as President of 783 Calgary Wing Air Force Association of Canada, Director with the Society of Canadian Studies and Youth Enrichment and does volunteer work for the Love of Children of Alberta Society, Aviation Alberta and the Air Force Museum Society of Alberta.

He is constantly in awe of belonging to the greatest youth organization in the world, Air Cadets. If he could limit himself to one goal in life, that goal would be to educate all the world in how great our youth of today can be instead of always dwelling on the dark side of youth. Regardless of his position, his first love is still at the local level with the Air Cadets.