

**May 3, 2007**

**Issue No. 29**

**Local Office: 451-1196**

**Fax: 454-1250**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Teachers' Retirement Mass and Banquet being held on Friday, May 25, 2007. Mass to honour our retirees will take place at 6:30pm at St. Agnes Church; Banquet will follow at St. Basil Cultural Centre.

**IS 3% ENOUGH?**

Lest we lose sight of the 2007-08 Provincial school grants due to being focused on the Unfunded Liability announcement, I feel obliged to point out that the 3% increase in school funding is incredibly low when you consider that inflation in Alberta is running at 5 to 6 per cent. School Boards are effectively receiving a cut in funding and will be hard pressed to maintain the same programs as those offered in 2006 - 07. We all know who pays when there is a funding shortfall. Wouldn't it be nice for just one year to be able to focus on educating children rather than wasting our time trying to educate politicians? I will be attending an emergency Local Presidents' meeting May 12 where discussions on this topic will be take place. I will report to you on the outcomes of our meeting soon after. *Shannon McElroy, President*

**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND BANQUET**

The Local and the District will honour retiring teachers on Friday, May 25, 2007, with a Mass at St. Agnes Church beginning at 6:30pm followed by the annual Banquet at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Individual tickets are now on sale from the Local office at a cost of \$25.00 each. A list of retiring teachers who have given permission for us to print their names may be found on the reverse side of today's Intercom.

**GRANTS SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

The ATA has grants available for teachers to access to support inclusive learning communities in their classrooms. The deadline for applying has been extended to May 22, 2007. Please visit the ATA website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) >Issues in Education >Diversity, Equity and Human Rights and follow the links to information on the grants and the application form.

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - June 14, 2007**

Mark your calendars: This year's President's reception will take place on Thursday, June 14, 2007 beginning with cocktails at 6:30pm in the cafeteria at Barnett House. Invitations will be sent out during the middle of the month. This event is an evening of appreciation for all past presidents of the Local and for those involved with Local and Association activities and committees, including the schools mailing reps and Council representatives.

**Words of Inspiration:**

*"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet  
when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."*

*-Anonymous*

**Included in this mailing:** Nothing  
**Printed on the back:** Partial List of 2006-2007 retirees

**Important Meetings  
and Events:**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

Substitute Mtg., 7pm, Room 410, Barnett House  
Featuring New Moves DVD highlighting marginalized students in the classroom

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

PD Book Share, 4:30pm,  
Room 140, Barnett House

**May 19-21, 2007**

Annual Representatives' Assembly, Westin Hotel, Edmonton

**Monday, May 21, 2007**

Victoria Day Holiday-  
Local office closed

**Friday, May 25, 2007**

Teachers' Retirement Mass & Reception. Mass at St. Agnes, 6:30pm, followed by banquet at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the Local office: 451-1196

**Local Email:**

G. McHugh, Executive Director

[gmchugh@telusplanet.net](mailto:gmchugh@telusplanet.net)

S. McElroy, Local President

[smcelroy@telusplanet.net](mailto:smcelroy@telusplanet.net)

J. Bossmin, Office Manager

[jbossm@telusplanet.net](mailto:jbossm@telusplanet.net)

Website:

[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

**Council Dates:**

Tuesday, June 5/07

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:**

Thursday, June 14/07

The Local office has received permission to publish the names of the following teachers  
who have indicated their intention to retire:

Donald Bogatko (St. Teresa)	Lina Morris (St. Bonaventure)
Richard Brugeyroux (Austin O'Brien)	Alice Nemeti (St. Augustine)
Rodney Buga (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)	Nicholas Parrotta (CES)
Brian Casault (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)	Krystyna Peret (St. Basil)
Yvonne Chevalier (Holy Cross)	Mary-Ann Perres (Anne Fitzgerald)
Elizabeth Crump-Dumesnil (Good Shepherd)	Italo Pino (St. Angela)
Jeannine de Moissac (J.H. Picard)	Sam Posterero (Arch. O'Leary HS)
Maria Domke (St. Bonaventure)	Robert Ritter (CES)
Karen Doyle (CES-Consultant)	Carole Rykes (St. Paul)
Daniel Forest (Arch. MacDonald HS)	Lorraine Schmaltz (St. Maria Goretti)
Robert J. Guglich (Holy Trinity)	Patricia Shaw (St. Clement)
Veronica Hellweg (St. Vladimir)	Edward Spadafora (LSS)
Brenda Henschel (St. Hilda)	Clay Stepney (St. Francis Xavier HS)
Leola Hildebrandt (St. Leo)	Christine Stuart (John Paul I)
Joan Leslie Huculak (Blessed Kateri)	Walter Szwender (Austin O'Brien HS)
Doris Isbister (St. Leo)	Christina Traynor (Arch. MacDonald HS)
Joan Johnston (St. Vladimir)	Gary Tym (St. Gerard)
Dianne Koehli (Our Lady of Victories)	Olga Vanderpluym (Louis St. Laurent HS)
Julia Kopala (Arch. MacDonald HS)	Jose Vincente (Anne Fitzgerald)
Victor Koscielnuk (St. Mark)	Neil Weir Holy (Trinity HS)
Maureen Kowand (St. Leo)	Lorraine Williamson (Mary Hanley)
Garry Kroy (Austin O'Brien HS)	Gloria Withall (St. Catherine)
Wayne Loehr (Arch. O'Leary HS)	Michael Workun (Austin O'Brien HS)
Elayne Lutz (Arch. O'Leary HS)	George Wozniak (Arch. MacDonald HS)
June Martire (St. Bonaventure)	David Zayac (St. Rose Jr. HS)
Michael Matsuba (Holy Trinity HS)	