

PARKING WILL BE LIMITED FOR CONVENTION-Buy a pass for \$7

The Local office was notified that due to construction in the downtown library parkade, parking spaces are very limited for convention. Please consider purchasing a convention bus pass for \$7. Passes are available from the Local office and will be sold at the Feb. 26 Council meeting.

GETCA NEEDS CHAIRPEOPLE - Please volunteer

Each year, delegates attending convention are invited to become involved by signing to host one of the many GETCA sessions that are offered. Hosts help out the convention committee by introducing a speaker for a particular session, and insuring the speaker feels comfortable and welcome at this event. To sign up as a chairperson for a session visit: www.getca.com>Programs>Sessions Chairpersons, click on subject from the drop down menu. If the word "Chair" appears on the left side of the session description, please sign up. If there is no link beside the session, a chair has already signed up. It's easy to do and benefits will be coming your way compliments of the convention committee.

2008 LOCAL TABLE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations for the positions of President and Vice-Presidents of the Local opened on Wednesday February 13, 2008. Nomination forms are available from the Local office. Completed forms must be returned to the Local Office by 4PM on Monday, February 25 along with an 8 x 11 campaign poster to be copied and sent to the schools. Candidate speeches will be delivered at the Council of School Representative meeting on Tuesday, February 26. Please note that due to our term limits there will be vacancies in the office of President and at least one Vice-President position. Voting will take place from March 17-20 with ballots returned to the Local office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, March 25. The ballot count will occur on Wednesday, March 26. Call Gerry McHugh for more information: 451-1196.

DELEGATES SPONSORED-SPICE AND BLUEPRINTS CONFERENCES

Once again the Local office will sponsor two delegates to attend SPICE (April 24-27) and one delegate to attend BLUEPRINTS (April 29-May 2) at The Delta Lodge, Kananaskis. This sponsorship will be for complete registration which includes accommodation (double occupancy), conference registration, materials and meals. Coverage for the cost of your substitute will be your responsibility. If you are interested in conference sponsorship from the Local, we ask that you print your name, the conference you wish to attend and your email address on your school's letterhead and fax it in to the Local office (454-1250) by Wed., March 5. The draw will be made at 9am on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Winners will be notified following the draw and registration forms will be faxed to the schools. Based on the number of applicants, preference will be given to those who have not received Local sponsorship for this conference in the past.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"All things good to know are difficult to learn." ~ GREEK PROVERB

Meetings and Events

Monday, Feb. 18, 2008
FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008
Scholarship Committee Mtg.,
4:15pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Wednesday, Feb. 20/08
Maternity Leave Information
Night, 7pm, Room 502,
Barnett House

Thursday, Feb. 21/08
Substitute Meeting, 7pm,
Room 410, Barnett House

Monday, Feb. 25, 2008
Nominations close for Local
elections.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008
Council Meeting #05, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at
5:15pm. Local elections: Can-
didates' speeches tonight.

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 26/08

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception