

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

As noted last week this will be the final edition of our Intercom for this term and ..wait a minute it is also the last for the year! I devote this last message to our friend and mentor Gerry McHugh who has just completed his "final" tour of meetings on behalf of all of us teachers. The coffee party at Barnett House was a wonderful tribute to Gerry and the attendance by so many was a tribute to his deep respect for everyone he encounters. The picture that was distributed by Earl Hjelter will haunt staff rooms for many years to come! If there is some way to get a copy of the speech by Earl to all of you in the new year you will all enjoy a few chuckles( at Gerry's expense of course!)

Gerry has been the face of our local for thirteen years and has served as mentor to us in the President's role, keeping us on track and teaching us and me in particular!! He has been both sage on the stage and guide on the side.

Gerry on behalf of all teachers I wish you a long, healthy and blessed retirement. Enjoy your family and friends and especially your grandchildren.

May our kind God bless and keep you. ~Sandy

## INTERVISITATION GRANTS WILL BE OFFERED IN JANUARY

The Local will once again offer Intervisitation Grants to members. Information on how to access these grants will be posted in the Intercom next month.

## GERRY SAYS THANK YOU

Thirteen years, wow! Time flies by and what a fantastic group of people to work for and with. Teachers, administrators, support staff, custodial staff, trustees, District staff, our office staff and of course, ATA staff.

All I can say is thank you. It has been a great experience. Take care everyone; enjoy the Christmas break with your families and friends. I am confident that you will treat Kathy like you treated me. She is going to be terrific. ~Gerry

## TEACHERS' RETIREMENT RECEPTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Last week it was announced that Sean McGuinness volunteered to chair this year's Teachers' Retirement Reception Committee. The Local office would like to add its appreciation and say "Thank you, Sean."

## LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS

Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk, Local Communications' Officer, is inviting those interested in becoming part of the Local's Communications' Committee to email Jan at the Local office: [jbossmin@telusplanet.net](mailto:jbossmin@telusplanet.net). One of the special projects this year will be to resurrect the *etcetera* publication.

## LOCAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Local office will be closed for the holidays from December 22 - January 2, 2009. The Association staff will be available in case of an emergency (780-447-9400). The Local office will reopen at 8:30am on Monday, January 5, 2009.

## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." ~ POPE JOHN PAUL II

Included in this mailing:  
Printed on reverse side:

Under separate cover: Invitation to Gerry McHugh's retirement party.. one per school  
SMART Board workshop for our substitutes held December 4, 2008

## Meetings and Events

### Dec. 22 - January 2, 2009

Local office closed for the Christmas holidays!

*Merry Christmas to all!*

### Monday, January 5, 2009

Local office reopens at 8:30am.

### Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Executive Mtg. #05, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

### Monday, January 12, 2009

Pre Retirement Workshop-part 1, 6 - 9pm, Auditorium, Barnett House

### Monday, January 19, 2009

Pre Retirement Workshop-part 2, 6 - 9pm, Auditorium, Barnett House

### Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Council Mtg. #04, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

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## Council Dates:

Tuesday, January 20/09

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09

Tuesday, March 17/09

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09