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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Local Table Officer Elections.
Watch for candidates' posters in this week's mailing.

LOCAL TABLE OFFICER ELECTION MATERIAL

In accordance with the Local's Constitution, each member must receive one campaign poster from each candidate. We ask that the extra posters be hung on your school's ATA bulletin board. In today's mailing you will receive posters from the candidates who are running in the Local election for Table Officers:

For President: **Patti Clancy-Novosel** (Holy Trinity HS) and **Sandy Gillis** (St. James) For Vice President: **Amy Cooper** (LSS), **Azza Ghali** (Father Leo Green) and **Wayne Prokopiw** (St. Rose Jr HS).

2008 ELECTION PROCEDURES

Voting will take place at your school site 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.

ATA FOCUS GROUP MEETING RE: IPP'S

As I mentioned at the February Council meeting, the Provincial ATA has invited from 10 to 20 teachers from our Local to provide input and information pertaining to the impact of IPP development and implementation on teacher workload. Thank you to teachers who have already emailed me in response, but I need a few more teachers. A dinner meeting of about 2 hours will be held Wednesday, March 26 at Barnett House to facilitate the discussion. I will email all registrants with further details. Thank you. ~Shannon McElroy, President

TAKE TIME FOR CONVENTION FEEDBACK

Our Executive Liaison for this year's convention is Amber Nicholson (Father Leo Green School). Amber has asked for feedback from our members regarding speakers you would like invited back for next year's convention. If you were inspired by a speaker, please email Amber: nicholsonam@ecsd.net Please note: the first two letters of Amber's name must be used for the email to arrive to her.

GETCA LOCAL DISPLAY BOOTH

Even though we weren't listed in the convention booklet and our display booth was outside the main hall in the corner, we <u>doubled</u> our foot traffic from last year! The positive feedback we received from our members and those from the other Locals was appreciated. Thanks to the hundreds of you who entered our draw for a Sub For A Day. We are pleased to announce the winners of the draw which was held at the Local office on Monday, March 3. Congratulations to **Karen Rutar** (H.E. Beriault Jr HS) and **Susan Sarich** (St. Bonaventure School)!

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please advise the Local office (451-1196) of instances of bereavement, illness or births, so that the Local can recognize them accordingly.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"You've got to take the initiative and play your game... confidence makes the difference." ~ CHRIS EVERT LLOYD

Included in this mailing: ATA Political Engagement postcards; election posters for 5 candidates; Printed on reverse side: Nothing

Meetings and Events

March 10 - 14, 2008
Substitute Appreciation
Week! Take time to recognize the valuable service substitute teachers provide.
Note from D. Gillett, Chair of Sub Committee: Please put your parking stall number on AESOP when booking your

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 ARA Committee Mtg., 4:30pm, Room 410, Barnett House

Thursday, March 13, 2008 Local election ballots out to the schools!

Monday, March 17, 2008 St. Patrick's Day!

Tuesday, March 18, 2008 Council Meeting #06, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm. Guest speaker: Marv Hackman on topic of Cyber-bullying.

March 21, 2008 Good Friday-Schools closed

March 24, 2008 Easter Monday - Holiday

Website: www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

Council Dates:

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception