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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teachers' Retirement Mass and Reception

Friday, May 30, 2008

6:30pm-Mass at St. Agnes Church

Banquet to follow at St. Basil

Cultural Centre

THANK YOU ARA DELEGATES

I wish to acknowledge and thank our Local members who joined me in attending the 91st Annual Representative Assembly of the Alberta Teachers' Association this past long weekend in Calgary. This policy making body of the Association began deliberation at 9 AM Saturday and finished at 12:30 PM on Monday. Your 24 representatives listened, debated and voted on approximately 150 resolutions for over 25 hours during the 2 and a half days of sessions. Please acknowledge the following, Aaron Ball, Angie Bober, Floriana Bruni-Bossio, Greg Carabine, Patti Clancy-Novosel, Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk, Azza Ghali, Dolores Gillett, Sandy Gillis, Jeff Girard, Pina Hackman, Jeff Johnson, Rob Jong, Danny Kinal, Lynn Koss, Kathy MacIsaac, Melanie Mercier, Amber Nicholson, Lauren Podlubny, Kyle Porter, Wayne Prokopiw, Lynn Smarsh, Ron Zacharko and Gerry McHugh. Thank you all.

Shannon McElroy, President

HOTEL RATES FOR ATA MEMBERS 2008

Information on reduced hotel rates for ATA members is available to members who have signed on to TNET by following the ATA Home Page under "Quick Links" heading> Publications> Other Publications>ATA Membership and Services. A copy of the booklet (orchid cover) was sent to each school in the ATA mailing earlier in the year.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms for the 6 Local scholarships were sent out to all high school counsellors in last week's mailing. These scholarships are available to children of active or retired teachers from the Edmonton Catholic School District. If you have a child who is a grade 12 student in an Edmonton Catholic High School, the application forms **must** be obtained from the high school counsellor. If your child attends a high school outside of Edmonton Catholic, please phone the Local office for an application to be sent to you. Deadline for submissions is September 5, 2008.

HAVE YOU SENT THE LOCAL YOUR GRANT IN AID FOR REIMBURSEMENT?

A friendly reminder: To ensure your grant in aid for 2007-2008 is eligible for reimbursement from the Local, you must send your Grant In Aid form with proof of attendance from your approved conference, along with your expenses, **before Friday, June 6**. The financial year of the Local closes on June 30. Grants received after June 6 may not be processed.

~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

COUNCIL MEETING #08 - June 3, 2008

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. Included in this week's mailing is a list of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions available, as well as a list of committees requiring chairpeople. Please take some time to consider becoming involved in the Local. If you are interested in an Executive position, complete the Executive information sheet and fax it to the Local (454-1250).

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Light tomorrow with today."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, English poet

Included in this mailing: (REPEAT) Information sheet for Elections of Executive Positions and Committee Chairs at the June 3 CSR (pink) ..one per school rep... please share

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Meetings and Events

Monday, May 26, 2008

School Opening Celebration
Com. Mtg., 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Friday, May 30, 2008

Teachers' Retirement Mass at
St. Agnes and banquet immediately following at St. Basil Cultural Centre

Monday, June 2, 2008

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Final Council Meeting of the year! 6:00pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Final Executive Mtg. of the year! 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House.

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception