

ATA MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The distribution of permanent ATA Membership cards has begun in our Local and I would like to remind you that instructions as to the distribution within your site are contained in the package. Please follow the instructions given in the yellow letter. If you have questions about the distribution, email the ATA at: SRmembership@teachers.ab.ca. This is not a Local project. Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

TEACHER RETIREMENT RECEPTION

On Friday evening, May 30, 2008, thirty-nine teachers from Edmonton Catholic were honored by 350 of their family, friends and colleagues in a Mass and banquet marking the occasion of their retirement from teaching. The Mass, at St Agnes Church, was presided over by Father Michael Dechant, OMI who applauded their tireless work as teachers and administrators in Catholic Education. Following the Mass those assembled returned to St Basil's Cultural Centre where the retirees were piped into the banquet hall to enjoy great food, fellowship and speeches. In her response to the Toast to the Retirees, Janet Campbell, Principal of Bishop Greschuk, thanked the District, her colleagues and the Local for all of their contributions in making the retirees' careers successful. She felt it was fitting that the Local started their careers off by welcoming them into the profession and book ended it by recognizing them as they leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee under the direction of Chair, Kathy MacIsaac of St Francis Xavier and all of those who contributed to making the Teachers' Retirement Reception such a memorable occasion. *Shannon McElroy*, President

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - June 12, 2008

Mark your calendars: This year's President's reception will take place on Thursday, June 12, 2008, beginning with cocktails at 7:00pm in the cafeteria at Barnett House. This event is an evening of appreciation for all past presidents of the Local and for those presently involved with Local and Association activities and committees, including the schools mailing reps and Council representatives. Hope to see you there! We ask that you phone the Local office (780-451-1196) or email jbossmmin@telusplanet.net if you plan to attend, so that preparations can be made for this special evening.

SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION-Aug. 27, 2008-USHERS NEEDED!

Included in a previous mailing was a poster advertising the School Opening Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, August 27 at the Winspear Centre. This year's theme is "Reaching Out to the World - The Hands of Social Justice." We ask that staff gather for the welcoming at 8:30am so that the Mass can begin promptly at 9:00am.

If you would like to volunteer to be an **usher**, please email Jan at the Local: jbossmmin@telusplanet.net or phone the Local office (780-451-1196). Anyone interested in joining the **choir** may contact Ray McLellan: mclellanr@ecsd.net or Corey Mahood: mahoodc@ecsd.net. All rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, August 26, at the Winspear: ushers at 5pm; choir at 6pm.

AN OBSERVATION

"If you can't fix it with a hammer,
you've got an electrical problem."

Included in this mailing: Council Grants In Aid for those who attended at least 6 Council mtgs. during 2007/08
Printed on reverse side: Local 54 Executive Members and Committee Chairs for 2008-2009

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

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

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Local President's Reception, 7pm, Cafeteria, Barnett House.

Friday, June 27, 2008

Last day of classes-
Local office closes for the summer.

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Rehearsal for the School
Opening Mass-Ushers 5pm;
choir 6pm.

Wed., August 27, 2008

School Opening Celebration:
Winspear Centre, 8:30 doors
open - 9am Mass begins.

Website:

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Special Date:

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception

LOCAL 54 EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Table Officers (elected in March, two-year term begins July 1, 2008):

President –	Sandy Gillis
Vice Presidents –	Amy Cooper and Wayne Prokopiw
Past President –	Shannon McElroy
Executive Director –	Gerry McHugh

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: (10 Executive meetings per year plus 8 Council meetings)

GOVERNANCE- shall act as liaison between Executive and Constitution and Election committees: **ROB JONG**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT- shall act as liaison between Executive and P D Committee: **AZZA GHALI**

MEMBER SERVICES - shall act as liaison between Executive and Social, Retirement, Substitute, Opening Liturgy, and Teacher Welcoming Committees: **PINA HACKMAN**

TEACHER WELFARE –responsible for preparation and bargaining of amendments to Collective Agreement, Chair of EPC/NSC and shall review insurance agreements: **PATTI CLANCY-NOVOSEL**

COMMUNICATIONS & PR- to act as liaison between Executive and Political Engagement, Communications Committee and Vocations and Scholarships Committees: **MARKIANA CYNCAR-HRYSCHUK**

SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE - shall act as liaison between Executive and the Substitute Committee: **DOLORES GILLETT**

COUNCILLORS AT LARGE (2) - responsible for duties as assigned: (1) **JEFF GIRARD** (2) **AMBER NICHOLSON**

Chairs of Standing Committees:

Government Area:

Constitution-	Greg Carabine
Elections-	Greg Carabine
ARA-	Sandy Gillis (no election)

Professional Development Area:

Professional Development-	Azza Ghali
Diversity, Equity & Human Rights-	Lynn Smarsh

Member Services Area:

Social-	Bert Facciotti and Jack Wrotniak
Teacher Welcoming-	Melanie Mercier
Teacher Retirement-	Kathy MacIsaac
Substitutes-	Dolores Gillett
School Opening Celebration-	Floriana Bruni-Bossio
Retirement Planning-	Jeff Girard

Communications & Public Relations:

Political Engagement-	Aaron Ball
Vocations & Scholarships-	Angie Bober

Ad Hoc Committees:

Local Representatives-Edmonton Area Field Experiences (EAFEC)-	Lynn Koss and Lise Audet
Local Representative -Campus Saint-Jean Area Field Experiences (CSJAFEC)-	Christine Kennerd

Congratulations to our new slate of Executive members and Committee Chairs.

The Local sincerely appreciates your dedication and commitment to its membership.