

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings everyone:

Our next Intercom will follow convention so, on behalf of your executive, I wish you all two great days of professional development and many wonderful conversations with colleagues old and new. Once again our city has the opportunity to witness several thousand professional teachers being actively involved in our Associations' work of knowledge acquisition. Return on the 2<sup>nd</sup> renewed, refreshed, relaxed.

Take care of each other....

*Sandy*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

The GETCA convention is coming up very soon. We would like you to prepare for the convention by planning ahead for the sessions you wish to attend. Use the booklet "Convention at a Glance" to review the sessions available. To find out more details about each session, please visit the GETCA website: [www.getca.com](http://www.getca.com). On the left side you will find the link SESSIONS which will give you more information. If for some reason you are not able to attend your first choice, plan for your second or third choice.

**Please note:** There are no computers available for research at the convention venues.

GETCA has 2 new venues where sessions are taking place. On Thursday evening the "Taste of Convention" will be held at the World Trade Centre, 99th Street and Jasper Avenue. A number of sessions are being held at Alberta College on 10050 MacDonald Drive. Please take time to enjoy all that the convention has to offer! ~Peter Eerkes

**ATA PROVINCIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES' FORUM-CSR-Feb. 24**

You are all welcome to attend the next Council meeting of School Representatives being held on Tuesday, February 24, to hear the election speeches of the candidates running for ATA Provincial Executive Council (PEC). Please come prepared to ask questions of those who would like to represent you at the Provincial level. Candidates for the position of ATA President are **Carol Henderson, Beverley Jaremko and Denise Legge**. Vice Presidential candidates are: **Sharon Armstrong, Alexandra Jurisic and Mark Ramsankar**. Candidates for the Edmonton City District Representatives were acclaimed: **Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk and Christine Harris**. A by-election for the vacant office of DR, Edmonton City, will be held before the end of October 2009.

**MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT-March 2-Room changed to 140.**

If you are expecting a baby, or planning to start a family soon, we invite you to register for our Local's Maternity Leave Information Night being held Monday, March 2, 2009, in Room 140, at Barnett House, beginning at 7:00pm. You and your spouse are most welcome to attend. Please register by emailing: [jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca)

**WORDS OF INSPIRATION**

"There are some people who live in a dream world,  
and there are some who face reality;  
and then there are those who turn one into the other." ~ DOUGLAS EVERETT

**Meetings and Events**

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009**

Council Mtg. #05, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

**February 25, 2009**

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wed., Feb. 25, 2009**

Teachers' Retirement Reception  
Committee Mtg., 4:00pm, Local  
office Room 402, Barnett House

**February 26 - 27, 2009**

Teachers' Convention at the  
Shaw Conference Centre. Stop  
by the Local's booth outside the  
Exhibits' Hall and enter to win a  
Sub for a Day!

**Monday, March 2, 2009**

Maternity Leave Information  
Night, 7pm, Room 140,  
Barnett House

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

Executive Mtg. #7, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

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**Council Dates:**

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09

Tuesday, March 17/09

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09