

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone! This week I extend a special thank you to all the delegates who attended our Annual Representative Assembly (ARA) here in Edmonton: *Aaron Ball, Angie Bober, Floriana Bruni-Bossio, Greg Carabine, Patti Clancy-Novosel, Amy Cooper, Linda Coulthard, Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk, Chris Ferguson, Azza Ghali, Dolores Gillett, Jeff Girard, Sean Gregg, Pina Hackman, Jeff Johnson, Rob Jong, Shannon McElroy, Melanie Mercier, Amber Nicholson, Kyle Porter, Wayne Prokopiw, Lynn Smarsh, and Ron Zacharko.* During the long weekend every May, our Association gathers to do the work of our parliament in discussing policy, governance and budget. Attendance at ARA speaks to the dedication of our peers who offer their gifts of time and insight to this special event. I offer an extra special thanks to our Executive Director, Kathy Maclsaac. Her kind and caring manner, along with a great sense of humour, was certainly appreciated throughout the 3 days at ARA.

As we hardy Albertans weather this latest winter blast, it is heartening to know it is more than compensated for by the warmth of community that exists in all our sites. Continue to care for each other.

Sandy

"ANYONE, ANYONE?"

Your Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local needs you! Please consider sharing your leadership and energy by becoming involved in:

- Mentorship program for beginning teachers
- Book Club
- Teachers' Convention planning
- Communications and Public Relations
- Political Engagement
- Scholarship selection
- Social Justice activities
- New Teacher Welcoming and Teachers' Retirement events

Please email me for additional information: kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca

COUNCIL MEETING #08 - June 2, 2009

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. Included in last week's mailing was a list of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions available, as well as a list of committees requiring chairpeople. If you are interested in an Executive position, or in chairing a committee, please contact: Kathy Maclsaac (780-451-1196).

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND DINNER

On Friday, May 29, 2009, the teachers' retirement Mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes Church at 6:30pm and will be followed by dinner and presentations at St. Basil Cultural Centre.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"One is often kept in the right road by a rut."
~ GUSTAV GROZ

Meetings and Events

Friday, May 29, 2009

Teachers' Retirement Reception- 6:30pm Mass at St. Agnes and dinner to follow at St. Basil Cultural Centre

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Executive meets to approve the Local 2009-2010 budget, 4:00pm, Room 202, Barnett House

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Council Mtg. #8, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm. Elections for Executive members and committee chairs. 2009-2010 Local budget to be approved.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Executive Mtg. #10, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

Thursday, June 11, 2009

President's Reception at Barnett House.

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 2/09

President's Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09

Included in this mailing: Nothing

Printed on the back: Updated list of 2008-2009 Retirees

Congratulations to the following teachers who have indicated they are retiring and have given permission to have their names published in the Intercom. Many of these teachers will be honoured at the May 29, 2009 Liturgy at St. Agnes Church and Dinner at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Tickets for this event are now available from the Local office at a cost of \$25 each. Please phone Jan: 780-451-1196

Marcia Albrecht (Austin O'Brien HS)

Carole Alonso-Turner (St. Mark)

Renee Anderson (St. Pius X)

Maria Branco-Hays (Religious Education Services)

Antonina (Toni) Budd (Archbishop MacDonald HS)

Gladys Buzzeo (St. Augustine)

Lauraine Charest (Grandin)

Frances Chiswell (Frère Antoine)

John Chu (Holy Family)

Maire Conaty (Mary Hanley)

Don Delaney (Learning Support Services)

Ken Donnelly (St. Kevin)

Gilbert Joseph Leon Dumont (J.J. Bowlen Jr HS)

***Mary Dunnigan (Austin O'Brien HS)**

Paul Gagne (Catholic Education Services)

Anthony Green (Austin O'Brien HS)

Judith Horban (J.J. Bowlen Jr HS)

Marjolaine Hughes (St. Stanislaus)

Theresa (Terri) Horsfall (St. Brendan)

Carol Ann Jaap Klass (St. Joseph HS)

Carolyn Jordan (Blessed Kateri)

Danny Kinal (Mary Hanley)

Susan Ludwig (Learning Support Services)

Jaye MacFadyen (Bishop Savaryn)

Allan Maisonneuve (Louis St. Laurent HS)

Helen Matsuba (School Operation Services)

Bette Anne Maydonik (St. Paul)

Ralphina McLeod (Learning Support Services)

Claudette Nadon (Blessed Kateri)

Harold Neth (Holy Trinity HS)

Jacqueline Pelkie (St. Lucy)

***Ann Predy (St. Francis Xavier HS)**

Joanne Ritcey-Devaney (Leadership Services)

James Ritter (Austin O'Brien HS)

Flora Rizzuto (St. Boniface)

Linda Roffey (St. Bernadette)

Laura Rousell (Austin O'Brien HS)

Vincenzo Russo (Holy Trinity HS)

Joanne Stepney (St. Francis Xavier HS)

Elizabeth A (Betty) Stewart (Our Lady of Victories)

Charles Stuart (St. Teresa)

Jacqueline M. Villeneuve (École Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc)

Kevin (Ken) Whelan (H.E. Beriault Jr HS)

Barbara Wiszt (Blessed Kateri)

William Yukes (St. Edmund)