

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone: I am taking this opportunity to remind us all to be a part of the Special Education review that is taking place this month here in Edmonton. Please take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on this important topic. In the survey there are eight questions that require some time for reflection and writing. I urge us all to become involved and get our input on paper. The website to access the questionnaire is www.settingthedirection.alberta.ca. You may fax your response to 780-422-2039. On another note, please remember to send your "summer story" to Markiana Hryschuk, Local Communications Officer, mhryschuk@hotmail.com for our upcoming newsletter and thank you to those who have already submitted! Take care of each other and stay well.
Sandy Gillis, President

PRE RETIREMENT WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED!

Heather Johnson will be presenting a Pre Retirement Workshop in January for interested teaching staff. The sessions will include dinner and will run from 6-9pm on Monday, January 12, and Monday, January 19. Those 40 teachers who previously emailed their interest to the Local will have guaranteed seats. This workshop is free of charge, sponsored by the Local, and is limited to 75. Anyone else who is interested is asked to email Jan to register: jbossmin@telusplanet.net

COUNCIL REPS: CHRISTMAS CHEER –December 2, 2008

During the month of November no Council meeting is scheduled. We would like to remind all Council reps to mark your calendars and plan to join us for the December 2 Council meeting of Christmas Cheer. Each rep is encouraged to bring a staff member to this annual event. A Christmas social will FOLLOW Council - sandwiches will not be available before the meeting.

ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN

Patti Clancy-Novosel, Chair of the Economic Policy Committee, invites you to become a member of this committee and help plan the projects that will enable the Local to be ready for bargaining in 2012. With the pressure of bargaining reduced by the five year deal, your committee will now have time to do the research necessary to support the issues your bargaining unit will want to bring to the table in the next round. Interested teachers are asked to email Patti: bn1987@telus.net or Gerry: gmchugh@telusplanet.net. The first meeting of the EPC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, at 4:30pm, in Room 302, at Barnett House.

INTERVISITATION GRANTS

The Local has received a number of inquiries regarding whether or not the half day Intervisitation Grants are available. The PD Committee, with this year's budget in mind, will announce whether this opportunity will be available after January. Details will be posted in the Intercom. For your information, if code 40 (Intervisitation) is used before the monies are budgeted, the code will be changed to 84 (School to pay).

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

*"A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg
even though you're slightly cracked!!"*

Included in this mailing: Nothing
Printed on reverse side: Nothing

Meetings and Events

Monday, Nov. 17, 2008

ARA Meeting, 4:30pm,
Room 502, Barnett House

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008

Executive Mtg. #03, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008

Economic Policy Com. Mtg.,
4:30pm, Room 302, Barnett
House

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008

PD Book Share, 4:30pm,
Room 140, Barnett House

Wed., Nov. 26, 2008

Substitute Meeting #2, 7pm,
Room 410, Barnett House

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008

Council Meeting #03- ***start
time to be determined.***
Bring a friend to join us for
Christmas Cheer immediately
following Council.

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www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 2/08-
Christmas Cheer

Tuesday, January 20/09

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09

Tuesday, March 17/09

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09