

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Greetings all,

As I write this message, we are celebrating Education Week --- with its most appropriate theme "Education: The Heart of Our Communities." It strikes me that this could be an annual theme for us during which time we could take a few moments and refer to it as our yearly medical. Our physician, during the "annual," takes our pulse and, in doing so, is really checking the heart. When we check the pulse of our school we can look to many factors to see if all is well in our particular place of work and, of course, the pulse takes in everything from the condition of our site, the mood of the staff, students and parents and the monies available to provide a great education to our students. Answering the question individually and as a staff: "how is our heart?" could be a very worthwhile exercise. Locally and provincially we can also take the pulse of education by reading news from the legislature, newspapers and letters to the editors along with decisions made by jurisdictions across the province. In our Catholic context it is also wise to keep an eye on the pulse of matters across the country as well.

As local president, I have taken some time to think about the heart of our local and I can say sincerely that, because of the commitment of everyone involved, the diagnosis is extremely positive. Our council meetings are so well attended every month and the discussion is lively and positive. At Council, your representatives are very supportive of each other and even on topics of disagreement the debate is well thought-out and respectfully delivered. The Heart of Our Community will always be well as long as we are all in right relationship with each other and the best way to achieve this is to care for one another in every way possible. Make sure to congratulate each other on the wonderful work you do every day.

Take care, *Sandy*

LIST OF 2009-2010 RETIREES and INFO ON TICKETS

We wish to congratulate and extend our thanks to our retirees who have given so many years of dedicated service to the District:

Doug Aitkenhead (CES); Carole Brosseau (St. Peter-LSS); Jocelyn Caron (St. Joseph HS); Claudette Collins-Carriere (J H Picard); Ray Dirckx (St. Francis Xavier HS); Jan Farthing (Arch. Oscar Romero); David Fiala (St. Thomas More); Jean Filewych (Arch. MacDonald HS); Nancy Fok (St. Francis of Assisi); Helen Gladson (St. Cecilia Jr HS); Denise Hebert (Father Leo Green); Richard Higham (St. Joseph HS); Lynne Holzman (St. Benedict); Celine Johnson (École Frere Antoine); Emily Kalwarowsky (St. Rose Jr HS); Marilynne Levasseur (St. Benedict); Giacinto Marrelli (Sir John Thompson Jr HS); Elena Napora (Bishop Savaryn); Nancy Nash (St. Teresa); Elmer Powley (St. Francis Xavier HS); Lucy Radziwon (St. Charles); Twila Riopel (Mary Hanley); Catharine Sitko (LSS); Morris Sitko (St. Clement); Pauline Trepanier (Holy Trinity HS); Caroline Walsh (St. Martha); Brenda Willis (LSS); and Lilea Wolanska (St. Maria Goretti/St. Matthew).

On Thursday, May 27 the Local and the Board of Trustees will be honouring these individuals at our annual Teacher Retirement Reception which will begin with Mass at St. Agnes Church celebrated by Father Mike McCaffery followed by dinner and presentations at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Tickets for this special evening are available at the Local office at a cost of \$25 each. Please contact Jan for the details at jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca

MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR THE CITY'S REUSE CENTRE AVAILABLE

If you would like to use a membership card to visit the City of Edmonton's Reuse Centre to obtain recycled materials for your craft projects, used books and other treasures, please email Jan at jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca and the card will be sent to you via IMC for a two-week period. The Local has purchased a year long membership so that this wonderful opportunity is available to all teachers.

Printed on the back:

"Wayne's World" Economic Policy News: Salary grid with 5.99% increase (September 1, 2009). This grid will change again in September of 2010 when the AAWE adjustment of 2.92% is made.

Meetings and Events

Monday, May 3, 2010

Executive Meeting #09, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Scholarship/Vocations Committee
Mtg., 4:00, Room 402, Barnett
House

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Economic Policy Committee Mtg.,
4:15pm, Room 402, Barnett
House

Thursday, May 13, 2010

PD Mentorship Final Wrap Up,
Highlands Golf Club, 1-3pm,
Guest speaker:
Dr. Heather Jamieson

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Final day to purchase tickets for
the Teachers' Retirement Reception
being held at St. Basil Cultural
Centre.

Friday, May 21 –May 24, 2010

Annual Representatives' Assembly
being held in Calgary, Alberta.
Our Local is being represented by
24 dedicated teachers. Thank you!

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Every 60 seconds you spend
angry, upset or mad, is a full
minute of happiness you'll
never get back."