

SLO PITCH FOR MENTAL HEALTH

How about a little slo-pitch to end the school year? We invite all teachers to participate in a tournament in support of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on Saturday, June 26. Your team must consist of at least 11 players, with a minimum of three females. Registration will be done on a donation basis to CMHA. The day will consist of fun ball games, food and drink, and great day with colleagues. Please contact our Local Communications Officer, Chris Ferguson: christopher.ferguson@ecsd.net for more information or to sign up a team!

COUNCIL REPS: FATHER MICHAEL TROY DONATIONS

At our April Council meeting a motion was passed that a donation be made from the teachers of the Edmonton Catholic Local to the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost) in memory of Father Michael Troy. School Reps: please forward the money you collect (suggested donation of \$1.00 per teacher) to Kathy MacIsaac at the Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local, Room 402, Barnett House by the end of May. A big thank you to those staffs who have already sent in their donations.

TEMPORARY CONTRACT TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SUBSTITUTE MEETING BEING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 31

The Local's Substitute Committee, chaired by Dolores Gillett, is holding a meeting on Monday, May 31, 2010, at 7pm, in Room 410 at Barnett House. Sandra Marcellus, Executive Assistant, Teacher Welfare, will be presenting the process for applying for EI benefits. All teachers currently on temporary contracts are invited to this informational session. Please phone the Local office to register: 780-451-1196.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF EDMONTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS

If your child is graduating from grade 12 and enrolling at a post secondary institution in the fall, he or she may wish to apply for one of the Local's scholarships. The forms will be made available on the Local's website at the end of May. Please visit: www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OPPORTUNITY

The Educational Leadership Academy, directed toward principals, assistant principals, and aspiring leaders will be held at the Banff Centre from Monday July 5 to July 9, 2010. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Robert Marzano who will present "The Art and Science of Leading." The Local will cover the \$900 cost of this conference which includes tuition, a resource book, program materials, some meals, accommodation and GST for one administrator or a teacher aspiring to leadership. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Jan at jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca. A draw will be held at the Local office on May 15. If you need further information, please phone Kathy: 780-451-1196 or visit ELA@ata.ab.ca

RETIREE LIST/TICKET INFO- Deadline for tickets Wed., May 19

On Thursday, May 27 the Local and the Board of Trustees will be honouring the retiring teachers 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.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca. In addition to the list of retirees published the last two week, we wish to add the following: **Estelle Hodgetts** (Our Lady of the Prairies School); and **Katherine Herklotz** (Holy Family). We wish to congratulate and extend our thanks to our retirees who have given so many years of dedicated service to Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Included in this mailing: Copy of tribute article to Father Michael Troy, copied with permission from Spring Issue of the Spiritan Magazine, Volume 34, No. 1, pages 22-23 (3 per school-please post and share)

Meetings and Events

Friday, May 14, 2010

Tweet Up Social, 5-7pm,
Bistro Café, Barnett House,
hosted by Edmonton Public Local
37. Food and refreshments provided. No charge. To register:
780-455-2164.

Monday, May 17, 2010

Draw at noon for Educational
Leadership Academy sponsorship
by Local. Winner will be notified
by email.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Final day to purchase tickets for
the Teachers' Retirement Reception
being held at St. Basil Cultural
Centre. \$25 each.

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!

Monday, May 24, 2010

Victoria Day Holiday
Local office closed.

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Annual Teachers' Retirement
Mass and Reception: 6:30pm Mass
at St. Agnes; dinner and presentations
following at St. Basil Cultural
Centre

Sandy Gillis, Local President

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"For fast acting relief try
slowing down."

~Lily Tomlin



With the end of the year upon us, the normal frenetic pace is enhanced by the only constant word “change”. For all the difficulties and challenges this brings we look for an antidote that will soothe troubled and anxious spirits. Might I suggest we look to our tradition for a glimmer of hope? Our vast compendium of spiritual writers reminds us constantly of the need for Sabbath time. Over and above our weekend sojourns to places of worship, we need to take the “desert” time for a short while each day to centre ourselves and get in touch with whatever it is that has called us to this marvelous work of teaching. We need to remind ourselves and each other that time is needed to slow down and take stock of the things that really matter: family, relationships, health..... The awareness and deep appreciation of these can only be found in solitude where the spirit that moves us speaks. Find time to listen.

~Sandy