

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings everyone and welcome to the soft touch of "spring".

At several times each year things happen that scream applause to our teachers, and this past week highlighted one such event. The band share that took place at the Winspear was the culmination of the gift of time that so many of band teachers give to students on a yearly basis. My days in junior high confirmed the fact that our band leaders should be given medals of valor for all the time given before 8 A.M, during lunch time and after 4. I am amazed at the assault on their hearing especially as the cacophony of a grade seven band in September gives way under gentle direction to the sublime sounds that are heard in the following spring! We can safely assume that our patron saint of music, St. Cecilia, is smiling and for those whose ears might still be ringing, a prayer to St. Francis de Sales might help :) For you music folks who do so much for all of us--a sincere blessing and thanks. We all know that behind the scenes there are fantastic staff members who assisted in many ways for the success of this event. Continue to care for each other and take a moment to pat each other on the back for a job well done.

Sandy

Our local, your local, thanks Ray McLellan for bringing the gifts and talents of the following teachers from these schools together: *St. Edmund, Jennifer Beer, St. Clement, Jeannie Vaage St. Basil, Brandise Fehr, St. Nicholas, Shayne Billey, Father Michael Troy, Melissa Moser, St. Alphonsus, Lara Gaudry, St. Cecilia, Arlene Magnaye, St. Hilda, Jonathan Sharek, Archbishop O'Leary, Corey Mahood, Mount Carmel, (Jazz), Dale Chapman, Cardinal Leger, Louise Dawson, Sir John Thompson, Taina Lorenz, St. Kevin, (Grade 9), Angela Anderson Holy Family, Marino Coco, Austin O'Brien, George Koufogiannakis, Holy Trinity, Patrice Maltais, Sr. All City Band, Frank Dunnigan, J. J. Bowlen, Sean McGonigal, St. Joseph, Greg Dewing, Jr. All City Band, Paul Gaudet, St. Rose, Wayne Prokopiw, Archbishop MacDonald, Arthur Milan. Cecilia Fenrich, Sandra Talarico, Ralphina MacLeod, Susan Moffet and Jan Doblanko*

*Special thanks to Mr. Russ Chevalier from the Wind Shoppe as master of ceremonies and to the hard working stage hands (seven students) from Archbishop Oscar Romero!*

## SCRAPBOOKING AND SOCIALIZING!

The Local's Member Services Executive Liaison, Sandra Esposito (Sister Annata Brockman), would like to invite all interested members to the first ever scrapbooking event being held in Room 140 at Barnett House on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7pm. An informational poster is being included in this week's mailing. We hope to see you there and find out how creative our teachers can be. To participate, please email [jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca)

## \$550.00 BURSARIES FOR GRADE 11 STUDENTS

We are pleased to announce that the Local will sponsor one student from each Edmonton Catholic high school to attend a week long seminar presented by SUNIA (Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs). Social Studies Department Heads and high school principals have been asked to submit names of deserving students to the Local by May 15, 2011.

## FEEDBACK ON 2011 TEACHERS' CONVENTION

To give the organizing committee feedback on this year's convention, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GETCA2011> A big thank you goes out to the Local's Executive Liaison for GETCA, Christine Bowers (Anne Fitzgerald School) and to the following teachers who served on the 2011 GETCA planning committee on behalf of Edmonton Catholic teachers for a full year of dedication to make this year's convention such a wonderful PD opportunity. Thanks to: Jeff Girard (Sister Annata Brockman), Marlene Forest-Wallace (Louis St. Laurent HS), Paul Begoray (Louis St. Laurent HS), Alex Buttgiég (Austin O'Brien HS) and Marcelle Labossiere (St. Gerard).

## LOCAL PD - INTERVISITATION OPPORTUNITY

Visit [www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca) to access an Intervisitation Grant form.

## Meetings & Events

**March 13-19, 2011**  
Substitute Appreciation Week

**Friday, March 18, 2011**  
Deadline for sponsorship to  
BLUEPRINTS

**Friday, March 18, 2011**  
Deadline for sponsorship to  
S.P.I.C.E.

**Friday, March 18, 2011**  
Deadline for Local's 12- \$1000  
bursaries

**Monday, March 21, 2011**  
International Day for the  
Elimination of Racial  
Discrimination

**March 28 – April 1, 2011**  
Spring Break-Local office  
closed

**Monday, April 4, 2011**  
Local office reopens at  
8:30am.

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**  
Executive Mtg. #8, 5pm,  
Boardroom, Barnett House

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Even if you're on  
the right track,  
you'll get run over  
if you just sit  
there."  
~Will Rogers