



CUPE EXPRESS

September 2017



*Thank-you to everyone who came to the
20+ years of service celebration!*



CUPE Nova Scotia Convention was held in Truro in May of 2017



Labour Day Picnic



Sister Carmie Erickson was a long-time member of 5050 and held many positions on our executive; Recording Secretary, 1st Vice President, Chair of the Sick & Social Committee and the most recent being Chair of the Communications & Educational Committee. She had put countless hours into the betterment of our local and could always be counted on to show support when needed. Carmie was a cleaner at Sydney Academy. She will be sadly missed by those of us who worked side by side with her for many years.



Our next meeting is Sunday September 24th 2pm @ Dr.TL Sullivan on the Agenda: We will be voting for: Chair of the Communications/Education Committee, a member on the Good of the Union Committee, and a 3 year Trustee. We will be discussing and voting on a Notice of Motion, and Danny Cavanagh, President of Nova Scotia Federation of Labour will be there to discuss BILL 148.

The local made a donation to Cape Breton Mental Health Association in memory of our lost students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it is that time of year again when reality kicks in and we have to get back into the swing of things. I hope everyone has enjoyed their well deserved time off whether you are a ten month or a twelve month employee.

I am happy to report that our dates have been set for another round of classification meetings. The dates, times and locations have been faxed to the worksites. I would encourage everyone to attend. These meetings are a great opportunity to discuss particular concerns around your classification or share some ideas as to how we can move forward with some positive changes.

We held our first ever 20+year service event in June. It was a great success and a good time was had by all. We are planning a "Family Skate" for January and details will follow.

Our negotiation package was presented to members at our regular meeting in June and we are waiting on dates from the employer to begin bargaining. We are anticipating a difficult round of bargaining with the MacNeil government and Bill 148. I have invited Danny Cavanagh, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour to our regular membership meeting on September 24th to discuss the impact of Bill 148. I encourage all members to attend.

On a sadder note, we lost a member of our local and our executive in August. Sister Carmie Erickson was a long time member of our local and held many positions on our executive with the most recent being Chair of the Communications & Education Committee. Our condolences go out to her family.

Respectfully Submitted in Solidarity,

Sister Mary Jessome

President

GOOD OF THE UNION

June: Sympathy Cards

Tracy Buchanan, Wanda Pearo, Brian Gear, Patsy Flynn, Christine Bonaparte, Erin Paruch

Get Well Cards

Robert Jackson, Ann Mombourquette



July: Sympathy Cards

Amy Wilson, Doris Jessome, Shirley Samson, Marie Potter, Michael O'Toole

Get Well Cards

Lenore Tobin MacAskill, Carmie Erickson

Aug : Sympathy Cards

Robert Bungay, The family of Carmie Erickson, Tanya MacLeod, Cleo MacLeod, Rose MacRae, Lois Gallant, Doris Jessome, Eileen Ross, Ralph Bond, Paul Confiant, Tom Parady, Nicole Clannon, Billy MacNeil

Get Well Cards

Jill Hickey

If you know of any of our members that have lost a family member or are off work due to an illness please contact me at **juanita_mackeigan@hotmail.com** so that we can send them a card. Have a great year and stay tuned for our benefit and discount list.

Juanita MacKeigan

Committee Chair

Grievance Report

Welcome back to another school year. We hope everyone was able to enjoy their summer.

The committee met in late August to discuss issues which arose over the summer months. A new grievance was filed with the employer on September 11 and a meeting to discuss the issue has been set for September 19.

Please feel free to contact any member of the grievance committee if you feel the employer has violated the collective agreement.

In Solidarity,

Janice Cantwell

Chair 902-574-1382



Communications/Education

The OHS committee will be taking a course on September 23rd & 24th. The newsletter has been sent out, if you are able to be the contact person for your site please fill out the form that was sent out with the newsletter and send it to Karen Wheeliker at Mountainview Elementary, or send an e-mail to Cupe5050newsletter@hotmail.com. If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail you can also send an e-mail to this address. We will be electing a new chair for this committee at our September's meeting

Karen Wheeliker

Acting Chair



Welcome back, I hope everyone had a great summer. Please remember our school zones. If you have any concerns please let your community know or contact us. Our new yellow pages will be out soon. I hope you have a great year.

Carman MacDonald

Chair

Important Dates

General Meetings

Sunday September 24th 2pm @ Dr. TL
Sullivan

Sunday October 15th 2pm @ Sydney
Academy

Sunday December 10th 2pm @ Dr. TL
Sullivan

Sunday February 11th 2pm @ Sydney
Academy

Sunday April 15th 2pm @ Dr. TL Sullivan

Sunday June 10th 2pm @ Sydney
Academy

Elections

Sunday May 6th 2pm @ Dr. TL Sullivan



Congratulations to the bursary winners: Gracie MacKinnon, Cabot High, Camden Bonapart, Rankin, Mitchel Mac Neil, Breton Education Center, Kayla Dominey, Riverview, Nathan Livingstone, Glace Bay, Ryan Lettice, Memorial High.

Congratulations to Eileen Ross on the birth of her grandchild.

Congratulations to George Schaller on the birth of his two grandchildren.

If you have any good news please e-mail it too:

Cupe5050newsletter@hotmail.com

Meet your executive!



Mary Jessome
President



Carman MacDonald
1st Vice President



Janice Cantwell
2nd Vice President



Karen Wheeliker
Treasurer



Denise Lewis
Recording Secretary



Connie Forrest
Sgt. of Arms



Juanita MacKeigan
Chair of: The Good of
the Union

Chair of the
Education/
Communication
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filled at the
September meeting