



CUPE EXPRESS



Congratulations to Crystal Vassallo on winning the Name the Newsletter Contest

Thanks to everyone who entered.



Pictured from left to right: Karen Wheeliker, Chair of the Communications/Newsletter Committee, Crystal Vassallo, winner, and Mary Jessome, President.

Members attending NSTU Rally at the Provincial Building



Carmie Erickson, Karen Wheeliker, Sharon Bona, and Janice Cantwell.

Kathy Mac Leod, Janice Cantwell and Mary Jessome visiting the NSTU picket lines.



FYI

Delegates to CUPE N.S. Convention are:
Mabel Sullivan, Crystal Vassallo, Russell Ganaway, Carmen Mac Donald, Glenn Mac Phee, David Fraser, Brian Lewis, Ella Carey, Denise Lewis, Connie Forrest, Sharon Bona, and Karen Wheeliker. Mary Jessome will attend as CUPE NS Communication Editor

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Good News

Congratulations to the winners of our \$25 Gift cards at February's general meeting: Mabel Sullivan, Lorne Mac Kinnion, Donald Jessome and Kenny Gallant.

The winners of the Hot stone Massage from Feit Physiotherapy were; Todd Mac Dougall and Vaughn Mac Keigan,

Congrats to Robert & Colleen Bungay on the birth of their granddaughter Mia on January 24. If anyone has "Good News" please send it to Karen Wheeliker cupe5050newsletter@hotmail.com or phone 902-567-6686

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have been kept busy with everything going on with NSTU Work to Rule and one day strike. I attended an executive meeting for CUPE NS and had the opportunity to attend the rally outside the legislature in protest of Bill 75.

Janice Cantwell, Kathy MacLeod and myself were able to visit many of the picket lines set up by NSTU on Friday, February 17th. We were well received at these lines and the support from CUPE was greatly appreciated. Bill 75 is going to affect all unions across the province; because McNeil won't stop with NSTU.

We are pleased to be moving forward and trying to make changes within the local. We have started doing four \$25 gift card draws at each regular meeting. We are looking at doing something new for our retirees and long service employees. We had a successful newsletter contest with a tablet as the prize and the winner was Crystal Vassallo. Crystal is a Head Custodian at Marion Bridge School and her winning entry was "CUPE Express". A big congratulation to Crystal.

Please watch for a notice that will be coming out very soon asking for proposals for negotiations. As promised, the members will have the opportunity to submit new proposals.

In an effort to build a better working relationship for our local as a whole, we took the recommendations that came out of the classification meetings and presented notice of motions at December's meeting and voted on them at February's meeting. I am happy to report that all of these motions passed. This will mean a cost savings of five thousand three hundred dollars plus expenses. Not only will it be a monetary savings, it will allow the executive to conduct union business more efficiently.

We now have dates set for our classification meetings. Meetings will start on March 25th and end on May 1st. Dates and times are included in this newsletter and are posted on our website and facebook page. Our last ones were very well attended and a great success and hope the next ones will be even better.

A reminder that requests for unpaid days are not guaranteed to be approved. If you are planning a trip, do not book your trip without prior approval.

I am hoping that all members will be pleased with the change of direction we are trying to take the local in. As always, we encourage members to attend regular meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 at Dr. T.L. Sullivan. Hope to see you there!

Submitted in Solidarity

Mary Jessome, President

Grievance Report

The committee will be meeting over the March break. We are still waiting on dates for our arbitration to be confirmed for some time in June. Two new grievances were filed with the employer on March 3.

Please remember to contact ANY member of the committee if you have an issue you believe to be a violation of the collective agreement.

In Solidarity,

Janice Cartwell Chair

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SICK AND SOCIAL

SYMPATHY CARDS

Charmaine Cox

Donna Bonnar

Patricia Bell

Ellen Shaller-Gillis

Jennifer MacLeod

James Jessome

Donald Jessome

Rebecca Jessome

Mary Jessome

Wilma Mac Queen

Shauna Dellorusso

Judy Shallo

Denise Lewis

Beth Johnson

THINKING OF YOU CARDS

Evelyn Dowling

Shirley Samson

The Sick and Social committee encourage you to notify a committee member of any member being off work due to a death in their family or an illness.

In Sol

Carmie Erickson

OHS REPORT

Hello everyone, as always your OHS Committee is working hard on your behalf. Please remember to **WORK SAFE** and keep in contact with your on-site OHS committee, and report any hazards in and around your work areas. If you don't have an on-site committee please contact your Union committee, we are here to make all work-sites a safe environment for everyone.

Remember safety is everyone's responsibility. **WORK SAFE, STAY SAFE.**

As most everyone has heard by now students and staff of Brookland Elementary should be back in their building on March 21, 2017. All classes will be on the upper level while repairs are still being carried out on the lower level of the school.

In Solidarity,
Diana Meister, Chair



Benefits Report

List of Discounts: Tom's Pizza 15 % Baddeck

Bel Mac discount Varies with purchase 70 Dodd St. Sydney

What Women Want 10 % 837 Main St Sydney Mines

A-2 Storage 5% 1596 Grand Lake Road Sydney

Lotherington's Flowers and Gifts Ltd. 10% on Reg priced items in store. 174 Ashby Rd Sydney

Planet Beach 15% of membership packages 55 Townsend Street Sydney

YMCA 20 % of membership- Sydney

Emerald Isle 10% Discount-Sydney 337 Welton St, Sydney, NS B1P 5S6

Shell Furnace Oil .10 cents off "posted" price

Holiday Inn Dieppe N.B., 2 Queen beds or 1 King; \$134 or King Suite \$144

Seaview Motors, 126 Seaview Dr North Sydney, Krown Rust Protection \$15 off

Feit Physiotherapy 20% off regular priced Physiotherapy and massage Therapy

Remember to present your membership card to receive your discounts.

In Solidarity,
Cathy Marks, Chair of Benefits



Sunday April 9th
2pm at Dr. T.L.
nominations will be
Vice President,
Recording



general meeting
Sullivan,
received for; 1st
Treasure, and
Secretary.

SECTION 10 –

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

NOMINATION,

At the regular meeting in February, there shall be a nomination committee elected from the floor. This committee shall consist of three (3) members elected at large. These members who are on this committee must not be seeking any executive office. (a) Nominations

1. Nominations will be received at the regular membership meeting held in the month of April. No nominations shall be accepted after this date.
2. Nominations will be accepted from members in attendance at the nomination meeting or from those members who have allowed their name to be filed in writing at the meeting, witnessed by another member.
3. To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must have been accepted into membership and continue to be a member in good standing. They must have attended at least 50% of the membership meetings held in the previous 24 months, or in the period that he or she was a member if less than 2 year (supported by attendance record from membership officer.) Cancelled meetings do not qualify for eligibility. (Articles B.8.1,B.8.2 and B.8.3)
4. If there are no nominations for an office at the April meeting, then the election for this office shall be held at the next regular meeting after the election meeting.

Saturday May 13th Elections at 2pm at Sydney Academy

Sunday June 11th General Meeting at 2pm at Sydney Academy

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Classification Meetings

Saturday March 26th 10:30 am Cabot High- All Classifications

Monday March 27th 6pm Grand Lake Rd. Fire Hall (Upstairs Classroom #15) - Trades, Mechanics, Apprentices, Computer Technicians, System Admins, Inventory control clerks.

Wednesday March 29th at 6:00 pm Sherwood Park - Teacher Assistant and Student Support Workers

Monday April 10th at 6pm SPEC- LBG, Bus Assistances and Security Grounds

Wednesday April 12th at 6pm Sherwood Park - Secretary, Secretary 1, Library Tech and Accounting Clerk

Wednesday, April 26th at 9:30 am at Grand Lake Rd Fire Hall (Auditorium) - Cleaners and Supervisor Cleaners

Wednesday, April 26th at 6pm at Grand Lake Rd Fire Hall (Auditorium) - General Maintenance, Custodians, Building Specialists, Building Tech, and General Labourers.

Monday, May 1st at 6:00 pm at Sherwood Park, for Bus Driver, Head Bus Driver and Bus Driver with additional duties

Everyone is encouraged to attend, including casuals. This is your opportunity to voice how you would like to see your local run.