



CUPE EXPRESS NOVEMBER 2017



Rally against Bill 148 Carman
MacDonald, Mary Jessome, Connie
Forrest, and Denise Lewis



Shop Steward Pass-Port Learning
Series; Local 5050 members Mary
Jessome, Janice Cantwell, Connie
Forrest, and Russell Ganaway



CUPE NATIONAL CONVENTION
Connie Forrest, Ella Carey,
Mary Jessome, and Denise
Lewis



Rally at Liberal Annual General Meeting;
Karen Wheeliker, Russell Ganaway, Janice
Cantwell, and Mabel Cuff Sullivan

FYI

“Meet & Greet” on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 pm at Sydney Academy. All members are invited to come out and meet our Atlantic Regional Director, Jacquie Bramwell, CUPE Nova Scotia President, Nan McFadgen, National Representative, Kathy MacLeod and CUPE Local 5050 executive. Come out and have some conversation, and refreshments.

A Health & Safety information session with CUPE’s Health & Safety Representative Jenna Brookfield on

Saturday, November 25, 2017

December 10, 2017 Membership Meeting followed by Christmas Social at Dr. TL Sullivan 2 PM



Good News

Congratulations to Alexandra Gouthro on the birth of her granddaughter.

Congratulations to Carol Anne Youden on her son’s marriage.

Congratulations to Carol Ann Ratchford on the birth of her grandson and granddaughter.

If you have any good news stories please e-mail them to;
Cupe5050newsletter@hotmail.com



Membership Meeting on October 15, 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October has been a very busy month. We sent four delegates to CUPE National Convention. This convention was one of the most controversial conventions I have ever attended; however, I have never been more proud of the delegates we sent and all of the delegates from Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia took a stand against the “Old Boys Club” and forced a caucus election that had never taken place before. Nova Scotia also ran two delegates from the floor for General Vice President and ran a delegate for Trustee. We were not successful in getting the Nova Scotia delegates elected; however, we held our ground and made the point that things need to change because the smaller provinces need to be represented.

I attended the Nova Scotia School Board Council of Unions executive meeting. We are now working on getting the same Collective Agreement across the province. This will be a lot of work; however it will be beneficial in the end – especially the way this Liberal Government is dictating rather than negotiating. There is no doubt in my mind that this round of negotiations will be a difficult one. The government has hired an outside agency to do a review of the school board structure. This has the potential of being very bad for the education sector. We are now in danger of this government taking us down the same road that they took the Acute Care Sector and I am sure we all recognize the shamble our health care system is in. I hope everyone visited our website or Facebook page and took the time to complete the survey concerning this review.

Brother Mark Hancock has been reelected as CUPE National President and Brother Charles Fleury was acclaimed as CUPE National Secretary-Treasurer. Sister Nan McFadgen, CUPE Nova Scotia President was acclaimed as Regional Vice President for Nova Scotia. Congrats to them all.

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We are also holding a Health & Safety information session with CUPE's Health & Safety Representative Jenna Brookfield on Saturday, November 25th. This will be a great session to attend to learn what your rights are under the Health & Safety Act. You will also be given the opportunity to ask questions. Please take advantage of this session. Further details will be faxed to all worksites.

Our next regular meeting is Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 at Dr. T.L. Sullivan. We will also have our Christmas Social at this meeting. On a final note, there is rumor that I am not re-offering for the position of President in May. I am here to dispel that rumor and say that I am re-offering for the position. I have been trying very hard to work with your executive and take this local in a positive direction and would like to continue to be able to represent you.

Respectfully Submitted in Solidarity

Sister Mary Jessome

President

OHS

Hi everyone, at our OHS and Joint Occupational Health & Safety meetings it came up that our TA classification in a number of schools are in need of some answers about their rights. Jenna Brookfield our National Rep will be in Sydney in November for questions with hope of shedding light on this situation.

Carman MacDonald
Chairperson



OHS Course Carman MacDonald,
Diane Meister and Edie Garnier

Good of the Union

October Sympathy-Janice Mac Queen, Tracy Buchanan, Claudette Vickers, Brian Gear, Paulette Gear, Edie Garnier, Stan Finney, and Joanne Farrell.

Get Well - Dave Stevenson, Ivy Seymour, Juanita MacKeigan, and Mary Ann MacDonald.

CUPE NS has introduced discounts on your smart phone for; CUPE Nova Scotia members Powered by Endless Savings & More (ESM), this program is available to CUPE Nova Scotia members and their families.

How it works

- Install the CUPE Nova Scotia version of the app on your smart phone to view available savings.
- GPS automatically shows merchants and savings that are closest to your current location.
- Tap on any merchant to view actual offers and tap on any offer for redemption details.
- For offers at physical locations, show the offer on your smart phone at payment.
- For phone or online offers, mention or enter a promotional code at payment.

Getting started

- To get the CUPE Nova Scotia version of the app, go to your app store (Google or Apple) on your smartphone – or the ESM website at esmobileapp.com. In your app store, look for “Endless Savings and More (ESM)”. **Google store:**
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esm.app>

Apple (iTunes) store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/endless-savings-and-more-esm/id1053765085?ls=1&mt=8>

During registration, you will be asked for an organization code; cupens
When you first link to the app, you may get a pop-up message asking to use your current location. Tap **OK**, **Allow** or **Accept** (ESM uses locations services or GPS to automatically show you offers that are closest to your current location first).

How to save

- Check out the “Exclusive Offers” to CUPE NS and save \$250 per year (or more) with public sector cell phone rates from Rogers and Telus. When you tap the app, CUPE NS exclusive offers will appear first.
- Check out the “Travel and Play” category on the app to save hundreds on your next trip.
- When shopping, tap the app to view nearby savings.
- Use the app a couple of times a month to save even more money.

The Committee is working on the Christmas social to be held December 10th at Dr. TL Sullivan following our 2pm meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

We would like to wish all our members and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please send bereavement, get well, and thinking of you cards to karenwheeliker16@hotmail.com

Karen Wheeliker
Acting Chair

Communication /Education

Our committee distributed new Yellow Pages, they can be found at; <https://5050.cupe.ca/resources/>. Some of our members have attended an OHS and Shop Stewarding Educational. There is another OHS Educational in November that some members will be attending.

If you would like to see a colour copy of the Newsletter please e-mail Cupe5050newsletter@hotmail.com

Please remember to check our website <https://5050.cupe.ca> our CUPE 5050 Facebook page and CUPE Bulletin Boards for important information and updates.

In Solidarity

Russell Ganaway
Chairperson