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MAY 2018



MARCH 26, 2018 SOME
TEACHER ASSISTANT'S
SUPPORTING CALEB COURAGE



APRIL 8, 2018 FAMILY
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APRIL 28, 2018 DAY OF
MOURNING



MAY 6, 2018 NEW
EXECUTIVE SWORN IN



FYI

Please remember when you move to update your new address and information with our Administration Building at 275 George Street, Sydney.

CUPE Local 5050 Family Picnic on June 3, 2018 at 1PM at Open Hearth Park; featuring: Magic Show, Balloon Animals, Face painting, Games and a BBQ! Fun for the Whole Family.

There will be a 20 + year's employee event; on June 16th at 1:00 – details to be announced. Check our Facebook Page, Website, and details will be faxed to all locations.

When you fill out an Incident Report; before you pass it to your supervisor photo copy Section A and keep a copy. Then fax (902) 564-0199 or mail a copy to:

CUPE Local 5050 OHS
Committee Chair
P.O. Box 51
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 6G9

Good News

CUPE LOCAL 5050 SUPPORTING THE CHILDRENS WISH FOUNDATION'S HEROES CHALLENGE WISH MAMA WARRIORS IN SYDNEY



CONGRATULATIONS MARY JESSOME
ON YOUR NEW JOB WITH CUPE
NATIONAL SYDNEY OFFICE



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

So once again, things have been busy with the Local. The Negotiation Committee has met with the Employer to start bargaining and are in the process of setting up more dates.

A cell phone policy for Union phones has been faxed to worksites and posted on our website. Some members get frustrated when they don't get an answer right away; however, we are not able to answer our phones during working hours.

Nova Scotia School Board Council of Unions met in April and continue to work on a comparison document to get all our Collective Agreements the same across the province in the Education Sector. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for June 7th and 8th.

Congratulations to the Good of the Union Committee for sponsoring a "Paint Night" with all proceeds going the Children's Wish Foundation. A total of \$700 was presented on behalf of the Local.

The Local will be once again hosting a "20+ Year Service Event" on June 16th. Invitations will be sent out shortly. This was a well attended event last year and encourage all those who are eligible to attend to please do so.

As most of you are aware, I will no longer be President as of May 31st. I have accepted a position with CUPE. I would like to congratulate Denise Lewis on being elected as President and it makes leaving a lot easier knowing the members are being left in good hands. I would also like to congratulate Janice Cantwell (2nd VP) and Connie Forrest (Sgt.-at-Arms) on their re-election as well.

On behalf of myself and the Executive, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer and hope all members get to enjoy some well-deserved time off.

In Solidarity,

Sister Mary Jessome
President

Occupational Health and Safety Committee

Hi everyone the OHS committee has been dealing with a lot of incidents concerning Teacher Assistant's. It is very important for everyone to remember to fill out Incident Reports. Our way of tracking what's happening without them it's hard for us to try to make change.

Remember every classification and member matters.

In Solidarity,

Carmen MacDonald, Chair

Grievance Report

Committee met in April to review all outstanding issues. We continue to pursue all. We will need to meet with our Area Rep. Kathy MacLeod, to discuss some grievances.

Waiting for a meeting with the employer to discuss two timelines.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for all their hard work over the past two years. You did an outstanding job.

Thanks to the membership for allowing me to continue to work on your behalf as 2nd Vice President for the next two years. Thank you all.

The committee, David Fraser, Sharon Bona, Denise Lewis, Connie Forrest and Karen Wheeliker, and I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer.

In Solidarity,
Janice Cantwell
Chair
902-574-1382

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Good of the Union

Sympathy cards were sent to: *Kimberly Keeping, Juanita MacKinnon, Michelle MacIntyre, Corinne Sampson, Kathy MacIntyre, Jacqueline MacDonald, Gary Bennett, Connie Clarke, Viola Cuzner, Donna Anderson, Tracy Tighe, David & Lisa MacLellan, Russell Ganaway, Bernadette LeBlanc, Aaron Nordine, Kim Rambeau, Ray Hogan, Anne Gouthro, Danielle Sawlor, Maria Walsh, Kevin Hewer, Ray Graham, Carol Chiasson, Diane Saunders, Crystal Vassallo, families of Rikki Deveaux, Bobby Walsh and Elaine Delaney.*

Thinking of You: *Carrie Maloney, Ian Lee, Wendy Nugent, Linda Shaw and Jean Bates.*

Get Well: *Eileen Pye*

Fruit Basket: *Marcella Price*

Email for the Good of the Union Committee is:

cupe5050goodoftheunion@hotmail.com

In Solidarity

Crystal Vassallo

(Acting Chair)

Important Dates

Next Scheduled Membership Meeting is June 10, 2018 at 2pm

Sydney Academy

Family Afternoon – June 3rd at 1:00 – June 3, 2018 at 1PM; at Open Heart Park.

20+ Years' Service Event – June 16th at 1:00 – Details to be announced.

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Communications Report:

CUPE EXPRESS MAY 2018 will be distributed the week of May 17, 2018. This will be the last newsletter for the current committee. On June 1, 2018 a new committee takes over. I would like to acknowledge this newsletter committee; and thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

Thank you all so much Trish Curry, Nancy Farrell, Ellen Schaller-Gillis, and Karen Wheeliker. It was awesome to be on the committee with everyone.

Remember all information must be shared quickly is posted on both **CUPE 5050 website <https://5050.cupe.ca/> and our CUPE 5050 Face Book Page.** As directed some of this information posted on CUPE Local 5050 Website and Facebook Page is faxed to all the locations; every location should receive if faxed out and posted CUPE Bulletin Boards. **Please take the time to learn where the CUPE Bulletin Board is in all locations you may work out off.**

CUPE Local 5050 Communications and Education Committee's e-mail address is Cupe5050newsletter@gmail.com

Education Report:

The committee selected the CUPE 5050 Bursary Winners. Winners will be announced on graduation day from each school.

CUPE Educational; as decided April 15, 2018 Membership Meeting:

On May 12th & 13 2018 Grievance Committee attended: Steward Learning Series, 3 modules: 1) What stewards need to know about bargaining 2) What's our duty 3) Being an ally for equality

On June 9th & 10th 2018 the Occupational Health & Safety Committee will attend Health & Safety Series; 3 modules: 1) Identifying and documenting hazards 2) Making committees work 3) Basics of accident investigation

In Solidarity

Russell Ganaway

Chair Communication & Education Committee