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474 CUPE Local NEWS

Attend the General Meeting
Be a Winner!
We will be providing door prizes

President's Message

There will be a Special Meeting June 3 at 9:00 AM at the Union Office to discuss the Bargaining Proposals for the next round of Collective Bargaining with EPSB. These proposals are based on the surveys that so many of you completed and sent to the Union.

For your information, there was a motion approved by the Membership at the April General Membership meeting that will allow the Union to move forward on a proposal that combines work from our PAC, Social, and Member Awareness Committees. The Union will pay 50% of the cost for a Cupe 474 BallCap and/or a Cupe 474 Hoodie. In order for you to take advantage of this opportunity, orders for hats and hoodies will take place at the General Membership Meeting in May and June. Any Member that does place an order must pay $30 for a Hoodie or $15 for a BallCap and this payment must be in advance of the Union placing the member's order.

The Social Committee is hard at work planning and preparing for our annual BBQ. I would like to let the members know that the tickets for this event are moving pretty fast, I think we will reach a sell out. So, if you are thinking about buying a ticket a week before the event, please be advised that all the tickets may be sold by then. Tickets can be purchased at the office as well as though your Executive Board members.

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Union Elections

It's right around the corner, CUPE Local 474 Elections. At the June 10, 2017 General Meeting, there will be elections for the following: President, Recording Secretary, Member at Large, Social Convenor, Warden, Trustee, 3 Grievance Committee members and 4 General Vice-Presidents (one for each Bargaining Unit)

As per CUPE 474 bylaws, to be eligible to run for any Executive Board position, you must have attended 5 General Membership Meetings between June 2016 - May 2017.

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EPSB Custodial Mentor

Kristin Salahub will be working out of the Career Transitions Department in Human Resources to provide personal **confidential non-evaluative support**.

Kristin's primary responsibility will be to provide mentorship and coaching support to Head Custodians that are new to their role and responsibilities. This service will be provided at no cost to schools. That means it's free, so take advantage of this service if you need to. Kristan can be contacted at: kristan.salahub@epsb.ca or 780 893 9956.

Special Meeting

June 3, 9:00 AM
CUPE Local 474 Union Hall
10989 124 Street

Please join your Executive Board as your Negotiating Committee for Edmonton Public Schools presents the proposals for changes to our Collective Agreement for the next round of Collective Bargaining. The proposals will be based on the Bargaining surveys that were returned to us.

The Negotiating committee would like to thank all the Members that sent in their Bargaining Surveys, because.....We got a lot of surveys!

Boiler Inspection Time

Summer is also the time when we prepare our boilers for inspection. This is a good time to review the procedures that your boiler requires so that it can be ready when the inspector arrives at your site. If you are unsure what needs to be done in your heating plant in order to prepare it for inspection, call your mechanical consultant, Sam Seepersad at 780 917 5158 or John Melnyk at 780 917 5160.

Dates to Remember

May 1, 2017 May Day
May 14, 2017 Mother's Day
May 13, 2017 General Meeting
May 22, 2017 Victoria Day
May 23, 2017 EPS Day in Lieu
May 24, 2017 EPS NonInstructional Day
May 26, 2017 Deadline for BBQ Tickets

Do We Need Power Engineering Certification at Edmonton Public?

Cupe Local 474 is aware that there was a boiler explosion April 3, 2017 at the Loy-Lange Box company near downtown St Louis. The boiler, which was about the size of a van, exploded and launched through the roof of the Box Company killing one person. The boiler then travelled 170 yards and crashed through the roof of a Laundry Industrial Company killing another two people. Even small boilers need proper care and attention and this is the main reason why the Union will continue to advocate for Power Engineering Certification.

Caring for Each Other

Gourmet fruit baskets, flowers or a card were sent to the following members that were off work for over 5 days: Rodelio de los Trinos, Enrique Pangilinan, Nellie Cayabyab, and Gloria Ducusin.

Congratulations have to go out for two members with additions to their family, Jona Dacasin and Ruth Welday.

Our sympathy goes out to the following members and their families for the loss of a family member: Arnel Luzande,and Jose Buenaventura

Local Authorities Pension Plan Seminar – Register now

There is a general information seminar for EPS support, custodial, maintenance and exempt staff on retirement benefits, pension options, spousal protection, normal and early retirement, as well as many other aspects of the Local Authorities Pension Plan.

Ms. Donna Kowalchuk, Information Specialist, Alberta Pensions Services Corporation will present this information seminar.

When: Thursday, May 11, 2017
Time: 5–7:30 p.m.

Where: McCauley Chambers at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway

There will be no charge for this seminar and spouses or significant others are welcome to attend.

Front doors to the Centre for Education will be open until 8 p.m. Although free parking is available in the underground parkade at the Centre for Education, parking is limited, and participants are encouraged to carpool wherever possible. When entering or exiting, please use the entrance across from the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Members planning to attend the seminar are asked to bring their current pension plan information with them. Current information is available on the Local Authorities Pension Plan website. Members will need to have their current LAPP statement available to register and log into “mypensionplan.” If you have not accessed the LAPP website before, you will need to complete this step at least two weeks before the seminar.

Registration and further information:
Eunice Rosenthal, 780-429-8168

Active Campaigns

Cupe Local 474 is working on two campaigns, one is a coalition with several labour groups and is called “**Public Funds for Public Schools**”. You can learn more and provide your support about this at *progressalberta.ca.*
The other campaign CUPE Local 474 is working together with Cupe Alberta is to lobby our Provincial Government for Joint Governance of the Local Authorities Pension Plan. Our pensions need to be protected, this is a way to make that a reality.

CUPE 474 Standing Committees

If you are interested in being part of a committee for the 2017-2018 year please let the Union office know.

Carpet Cleaning

Cupe Local 474 Supports the Districts’ Carpet Cleaning program. Our Carpet Technicians are equiped with the latest technology, and are friendly Cupe 474 Staff. A job well done is what you can predict when you call 780-917-5138 to book this service or if you require more information.

Staying in Touch

This newsletter is for you. Please contact us if you would like something included.

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Operation Friendship Seniors Society

OFSS Dinner and Silent Auction

The annual Operation Friendship Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on May 29, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, 4440 Gateway Blvd. The Union supports this event by purchasing tickets, so if you are a member of Operation Friendship and interested in attending please contact the Union Office at 780-447-5858.

Asian Hertiage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month, a time to acknowledge the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Canadians are invited to honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today.

History

Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1979. Over the past decade, many Asians in Canada have begun to celebrate their heritage during the month of May. In December 2001, the Senate adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.

Edmonton Events

A varity of Asian Tales held at the Metro Cinema Garneau Theatre in the month of May.

Beijing Opera Festival 2017 in the month of June at Myer Horowitz Theatre.

Recognizing Local 474 Members

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CUPE LOCAL 474 ANNUAL BBQ

June 3, 2017
Chateau Louis
11727 Kingsway Avenue

TIME
Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Dancing: 8:30 p.m.
Cash Bar

TICKET PRICE:
$25.00 PER PERSON

BUY TICKETS:
Available from your Executive Members or the Union Office

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS:
Friday, May 26, 2017

Come an enjoy a night with friends at the best BBQ in Town

Dance to the music of a DJ
Tons of Door Prizes &
Spot Dances

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please contact the Union Office at 780-447-5858
Tickets are moving fast, don't wait till it's too late!