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## President's Message

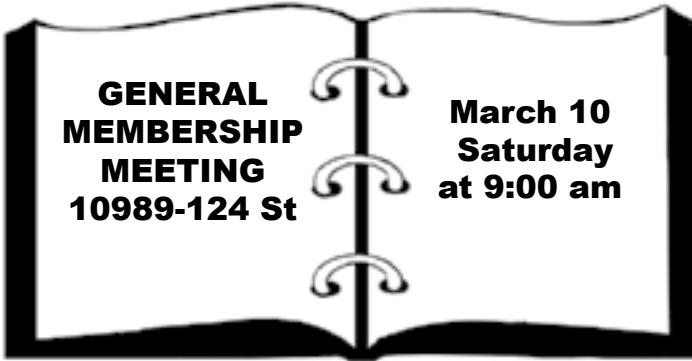
Spring is just about here, thankfully! CUPE Local 474 will be sending representatives to Grande Prairie for CUPE Alberta's 68th Annual Convention. The theme of this year's convention is "Gaining Momentum". CUPE 474 has three current members of the CUPE Alberta Executive Committee and we continue to work with them to advocate for many social justice issues as well as enhance the working conditions of every CUPE Alberta member.

CUPE Local 474 is a member of a labour coalition in the second phase of a campaign with Public Interest Alberta to lobby our Provincial Government to divert close to \$27 million public dollars away from private schools. We are not opposed to the existence of private schools, however, we don't believe your tax dollars should be going to fund them, these funds should stay with public schools. There is no good reason to divert resources away from our public schools to pay for groomed ski trails, private chefs or access to golf courses. By diverting these funds, we could invest in a stronger public education system in this province.

On a positive note, CUPE 474 has achieved two Memorandum of Agreements with the Alberta Workers Health Center. It is noteworthy to report that these two collective agreements have Indigenous land acknowledgments within them, and to our knowledge, this is the first time this kind of language has appeared in a collective agreement.

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### Child care now available at General Meetings!



### 21st Harmony Brunch & Silent Auction

Commemorating International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held on Sunday March 25, 2018 at Chateau Nova Hotel, 12:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the Union Office asap.

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**Union Representation 780-447-5858**  
**Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

### Information Request

The union needs your help? Has you or anyone you know been hurt from operating any snow removal equipment? What kind of training have you received on this equipment, like a snow blower, back blowers, sweepers and/or tractors. Please contact us and thank you for your assistance.

### The Breaking Ground Gala

Operation Friendship Seniors Society is hosting our Breaking Ground Gala on May 28th, 2018. The goal is to raise \$1 Million in the next 5 years for the future OFSS building. This will take place at the Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, 4440 Gateway Blvd., Silent Auction and Supper will be held at 6 pm. If anyone is interested in attending this event please contact the Union Office.



### OH Look!!! Local 474 in PINK supporting Anti-Bullying Day

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME MARCH 11, SUNDAY



March 2018

### Dates to Remember

March 1-2	Teacher's Convention
March 10	General Meeting
March 17	St Patrick's Day
March 26-29	Spring Break
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday

### Caring for Each Other

Gourmet fruit baskets, flowers or a card were sent in February to the following members that were off work for over 5 days: Usha Singh, Rudy Recabar, Ana Letelier, Evelyn Fuentebella, Luis Machado, Jan Zatorski, Arnold Tirao, and Alphonse Holtkamp.



Our sympathy goes out to Sandra Watts and her family for the loss of a family member.

The Local is saddened by the recent passing of two of our members, Teresa Dalton and Claire Marklinger and also former member, Ricardo Camus.

### Staying in Touch

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

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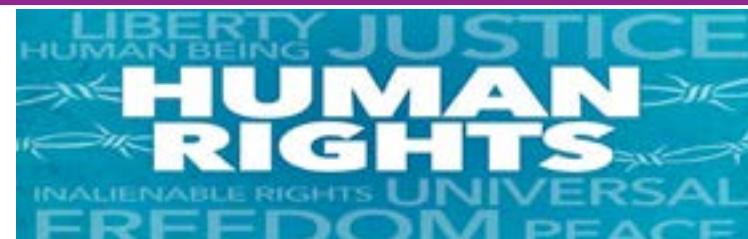
CUPE Local 474 Executive Supporting United Way at the Red Tie Gala February 22 and recognized with the Labour Award of Distinction for 2017.



### **Carpet Cleaning**

CUPE Local 474 Supports the Districts' Carpet Cleaning program. Our Carpet Technicians are equipped with the latest technology, and are friendly CUPE Local 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.

### **St. Patrick's Day**



### **What is International Women's Day?**

Each year, March 8 is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of women and renew our efforts in achieving gender equality – in Canada and around the world.

The beginnings of International Women's Day (IWD) trace back to the early twentieth century, emerging from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflecting a growing movement for women to participate equally in society.

The first International Women's Day was observed on March 19, 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. That day, more than one million women and men showed their support by participating in public events. In the years that followed, other countries began to observe and celebrate this day.

The United Nations recognized 1975 as International Women's Year and began celebrating IWD on March 8, later adopting a resolution designating March 8 as International Women's Day.

Today, International Women's Day is celebrated around the world – in many countries, it is a national holiday. It has grown to become a global day of recognition of women's achievements and a call to action to support women's rights and advance gender equality.

## **February 9th PD Day**

