

ECSSA News

Edmonton Catholic Support Staff Association

April 2008



ECSSA Annual Banquet

You are cordially invited to come and celebrate

with your fellow ECSSA members

“A Black and White Affair”

Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Santa Maria Goretti Community Center, 11050-90 Street

Cocktails at 5:30 pm - Supper at 6:30 pm.

Cash bar.

E-mail Lise Viel at viell@ecsd.net or

at liseviel@telus.net for tickets

\$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members.

Tables for 10 people available.

A tribute to our retirees and long service recipients

will take place during the evening.

Union Business Etiquette

Please remember that it is inappropriate to discuss union business on company time. It is also inappropriate to use the ECSD webmail for union questions. Please send all emails to the ecssa@shaw.ca address and all phone calls to 456 ECSS (456 3277), remembering to include your home email and phone number.

Staffing for 2009

It is a very busy, sometimes confusing time of year for some ECSSA members as we prepare for the 2009 school year. Some members have received notice that they will be reassigned for next year.

An e-mail has been sent to all ECSD users which outlines all the procedures and timelines for staffing for the 2008 –2009 school year. We recommend that you access this e-mail. Some important dates:

April 23—Information Meeting for Reassigned Support Staff (St. Anthony 4:30 pm)

May 16—Bulletin #1 available on-line

May 30—Bulletin # 2 available on-line

The best advice is to make sure you attend the Reassignment meeting, April 23, 4:30 at St. Anthony Center. The reassignment process will be explained at this time.

Remember if you have any questions please contact ECSSA at 456 3277 or ecssa@shaw.ca.

CEP Support Staff Conference

As a member of ECSSA I was given the opportunity to attend the CEP Support Staff Conference in Red Deer, Alberta. The conference started Friday evening with introductions from each local attending. What a wonderful way to meet and network with members who have the same concerns and issues that we have.

Saturday was information packed day with a workshop called Dealing with Difficult People. Who hasn't ever wished for this ability? Elizabeth Krywolt from Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry gave us strategies on how to resolve workplace conflicts.

We met early Sunday to share with our brothers and sisters what was new in each local. This was very useful and your Executive came away with some exciting ideas that may be used in our local. **A few of the other locals use our collective agreement as guidelines for their negotiations. That is something to be proud of.**

For me this conference was a terrific way to get to know the Executive and the members of the Board of Directors while receiving some very valuable information. Your Executive supports you in professional development so take the opportunity when it is given to you.

Remember that the Board of Directors and the Executive meet the first Wednesday of each month. Come and see what it's all about. You can be involved.

Wilma Ellenburgh

Long Service Recipients

10 years: Dianne Buga, Anita Clark, Liz Emery, Michelle Harper, Sherill Kurylo, Karen Mulligan, Dianne Nolette, Ann Paterson, Elaine Pinter, Sarah Stewart, Michelle Tidridge, Mandy Trottier, Maria Tronchin, Vera Ussyk, Sandy Weiberg, Elizabeth Wong

15 years: Lorraine Ambrosie, Kathy Blatke, Karen Burnett, Yvonne Casey, Maryanne Ferbey, Marie-Jeanne Garrity, Kristine Getschel, Doris Hutniak, Debra Maric, Donna McMartin, Sharon Ollis, Cindy Pelletier, Linda Peterson, Minda Rudakewich, Louise Urichuk

20 years: Andree Favreau, Esther Ferguson, Janet Eemeryck, Norma Kloos, Anna Lefebvre, Joanne Pruss

25 years: Sally Allison, Art Bergevin, Colleen Danis, Janet Esch, Gisela Hall, Patricia Lamash, Judy Levancic, Marie Linkewich, Eda McDonald, Nadine Monaghan, Cheryl Place, Judith Richard, Rose Ann Sterling, Maria Wong, Denise Yazinsky

30 years: Maria McKay, Cecilia Spilak

35 years: Patricia Letwin

Retirees

Chitra Rajapakse	~ 8 yrs. ~	St. Catherine
Joan Ruta	~ 9 yrs. ~	St. Mary
Anita Clarke	~ 11 yrs. ~	Catholic Education Center
Sharon Ollis	~ 16 yrs. ~	St. Clement
Donna McMartin	~ 16 yrs. ~	MacDonald
Ida Mazzotta	~ 17 yrs. ~	O'Leary
Juliette Fields	~ 18 yrs. ~	St. Boniface
Colleen Dunigan	~ 20 yrs. ~	St. Philip
Patricia Duval	~ 20 yrs. ~	St. Philip
Heime Thwaites	~ 21 yrs. ~	St. Benedict
Marcia Hladunewich	~ 23 yrs. ~	St. Matthew
Janet Esch	~ 26 yrs. ~	St. Vincent
Karen Oak	~ 29 yrs. ~	Catholic Education Center
Lorna Thomas	~ 34 yrs. ~	St. Edmund
Patricia Letwin	~ 35 yrs. ~	Learning Support Services

Support Staff Conference

I went to the Support Staff Conference at West Edmonton Mall and I had fun. The instructors were helpful and gave lots of information. I loved the food and thank West Edmonton Mall for having us there. I hope to see more of you at the conference next year and thank you to the people that set this up.

Thanks,

James McFarlane

Mmmmm Cookies!

Congratulations to Courtney Lussier—Learning Support Services, Kristine Maudsley—Holy Trinity, Colleen McCarthy Durand—Our Lady of Peace, Michele Viveiros—St. Leo and Caroline Caputo—Holy Cross who were all winners in the last cookie contest.

This time we are looking for an extra time/overtime sheet. To enter, email: your name, school or site and a copy of an Overtime/Extra time sheet 2007– 2008 to ecssa@shaw.ca by May 2, 2008. Individual entries only please.

CALL FOR SUPPORT STAFF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

If an employee, or their supervisor, feels a job is inappropriately classified, now is the time to submit an updated Support Staff Job Description. **The deadline to submit a job description for review is April 30, 2008 and should be forwarded to Pat McLaughlin in Human Resource Services.**

If you are requesting a reclassification, it is important that you indicate the **“Requested Classification”** on page one of the job description. Also, it is important to outline the changes to the job in the section titled **“Changes Since Last Classification Review”**.

Caring Report

We extend our prayer and sympathies to: Angelica Lemire of Father Leo Green on the passing of her mother-in-law, Vera Ussyk of Louis St. Laurent on the loss of her husband, Loraine Korol of St. Augustine on the loss of her son, Marilyn Orchard of Louis St. Laurent on the loss of her sister-in-law, Urszula Jaworska of Archbishop O’Leary on the passing of her mother, Twyla Bell of St. Benedict on the loss of her father. Flowers and wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to: Bernarda Backlan of St. Francis of Assisi, Rose Cerminara-Wandyka of St. Dominic, Janet Esch of St. Vincent.

ECCSA Library

When ordering material from out ECSSA library, please **fax** the order form to Colleen McCarthy-Durand at Our Lady of Peace School. 489.0868
Thank you.

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