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EDMONTON CATHOLIC SUPPORT STAFF ASSOCIATION

ECSSA News

CORRECTION – CEP Benefit Plan for Retirees

In the April edition of this newsletter, we included information for our retirees who may be looking at health benefits coverage once they have left the School District. CEP does offer a group plan for all retirees of the union. There is no requirement for a medical questionnaire.

Unfortunately, the contact information that was given to us was incorrect. The correct contact is Manulife Financial, and the toll free number is 1 (800) 268-3763.

If you are inquiring about these benefits, please mention that you are with the Communication, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada and that you are inquiring about their benefit plan for CEP retirees.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our membership.

ECSSA Secretary

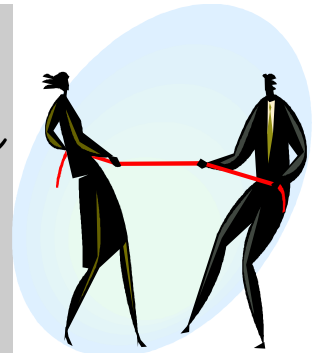
Julie Stewart, our current ECSSA secretary, has decided to resign her position and cannot fulfill the second year of her two year term in office. Her resignation will be effective June 30, 2006. Julie has dedicated five years to this position, and ECSSA wishes to extend its gratitude and appreciation for all that she has done for our members over the years. Fortunately for ECSSA, Julie will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. It is great to know that we can continue to count on her years of education and experience, and we look forward to her participation in her new role with ECSSA.

ECSSA By-Laws state that in the event of a vacancy in the Executive, the office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors, “subject to the approval of the appointment by the membership at the next General meeting.” We are pleased to announce that Cheryl Andrews of St. Benedict School has been appointed by the Board of Directors to the position of Secretary. Cheryl will assume these duties effective September 1, 2006. Cheryl has been an active member of the Board of Directors for several years now and will bring that expertise to her new position.

On behalf of all our members, we welcome Cheryl to her new position and wish her every success in the future.

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

Dale Carnegie



Retirees and Long Service Recipients

At our Annual Banquet, ECSSA was pleased to acknowledge the following members and congratulate them on their many years of dedicated service to the students, staff and communities of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Each of these members was recognized for their long service to the District. Congratulations to all!!!

15 YEARS SERVICE

Sylvie Arsenault
Suzanne Bergersen
Sandra Casella
Helen Clevert
Joanne Colborne
Gisèle Coles
Susanne Daoust
Bev Davis
Dawn Del Fabbro
Adrienne Dilullo
Joan Fedorow

Juliette Fields
Anita Filiplic
Eva Gazzola
Bev Gregory
Angela Harmat
Karin Jackson
Marilyn Jolly
Yolanta Kulasa
Diane Lacika
Ida Mazzotta

Kathy Merrills
Valerie Plamondon
Sandra Potts
Rita Raimundo
Sandra Romanyk
Lori Selzler
Lynn Shaw-Frobel
Cindy Stang
Fran Thiele
Rita Raimundo

25 YEARS SERVICE

Anna Baldassarre
Linda Deans
Cécile Dufresne
Debbie Durante

Marie Eichenlaub
Patricia Mayko
Vivianne Montpellier
Pat Morrison

Patti O'Keefe
Liz Relf
Therese Savard
Pauline Smith

35 YEARS SERVICE

Mary Thibaudeau

We would also like to acknowledge our retirees and wish them health, happiness and a long, fruitful and rewarding retirement.

Judith Atlee	12 years	St. Bonaventure
Brenda VandenBiggelaar	12 years	St. Clement
Beverley Davis	16 years	St. Mary
Florence Houle	17 years	St. Dominic
Bibiann Biollo	18 years	Grandin
Anna Richer	19 years	St. Thomas More
Sharon Scade	20 years	St. Matthew
Edith Gionet	21 years	St. John Bosco
Claire Norbert-Boddez	23 years	Annunciation
Penny Hovis	24 years	Ben Calf Robe
Gaylene Kubbernus	24 years	Mother Teresa
Colette VandenBiggelaar	24 years	St. Gabriel
Pauline Smith	25 years	St. Basil
Andree Koehn	26 years	Grandin
Denise Levesque	28 years	Catholic Education Services
Diane Snowadski	29 years	Louis St. Laurent



*The constitution does not allow for first
and second class citizens.*

Wendell Wilkie

ECSSA Annual Banquet

Once again, our Social Committee did an outstanding job organizing our annual banquet. It is amazing how much work goes into preparing an event such as this, and we want to take this opportunity to extend a huge THANK YOU to Maria Bavaro, Elaine Lyttle-Cardinal, Donna Horne, Patti O'Keefe and Lise Viel. If you see any of these people be sure to give them a big hug—they deserve it!!!



Negotiation Update

As most of you are aware, we presented the District's "final offer" to our members at a meeting on May 8. We then asked the members to vote on that offer. 94% of those at the meeting rejected the offer. We have extended an invitation to the school district to return to negotiations. At the time this newsletter was being published, we had had no response from the district negotiating committee. We ask for your continued patience as we go through this process. As soon as we have something to report, our members will be the first to know. If you hear nothing...there is nothing to report. Please trust that we are doing everything we can to complete this round of negotiations to the satisfaction of our members. We are always available to listen to your input. If you wish to communicate with ECSSA about negotiations, we suggest that you do so outside of working hours. It is not in your best interests to be using district phones and e-mails to discuss this situation. Please contact the ECSSA office by phone (419-2519) or e-mail (ecssa@interbaun.com). We would prefer that you do not contact the ECSSA Negotiating Committee at their place of work during working hours.



Caring Report

On behalf of our members we extend our sympathies and prayers to Kathy Profit-Will of St. Dominic on the passing of her mother; Marie World of St. Brendan on the loss of her brother-in-law, and Helga Miller of Louis St. Laurent on the loss of her father-in-law..

We also extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Graciela Hernandez of St. Cecilia and to Annemarie Steiner of St. Richard.

Staffing

As you go through the staffing process for the 2006—2007 school year, please remember to contact ECSSA if you have any questions or concerns. It is always better to check and be sure than to make a decision that may have unexpected consequences for your future. It can be a very stressful and complicated process and it is always prudent to be sure of your decisions.

Remember there are no "stupid" questions. Please don't hesitate to call - we are here to help you whenever you need it.

Dissent is essential to any concept of the dignity and freedom of the individual. It is essential to the search for truth in a world where no authority is infallible.

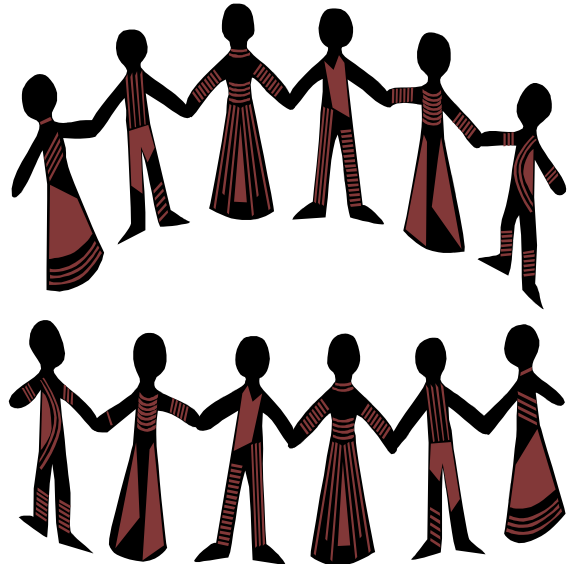
Norman Thomas

Meetings and Dates

Tuesday, May 2.....	Negotiating Committee Meeting
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Monday, May 8.....	General Meeting
Monday, May 8.....	Negotiating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 9.....	Negotiating Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 17.....	Liaison Meeting
Monday, June 5.....	Executive Meeting
Wednesday, June 7.....	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 14.....	Liaison Meeting

Equality

*It is an honor to be
a human being and we
recognize that all of our lives
contribute to each other's...
and we honor our place
in the circle.*



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The glue that holds it all together!!*

