



President's Report

Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

Children's Christmas Party & Winter Fest: November 23, 11am – 3pm

The excitement is mounting through our Local Union, for the long awaited re-launch of a tradition, lost to our members, for over a decade. Our Christmas Party Winter Fest has a great enrolment with our member's kids and the venue is booked Sunday November 23rd at CAW Local 707 Galaxy Club (Grand-Hall). Activities, Food, Gifts, and a visit from a Jolly Old Fellow are planned. Starting times are for 11am. I want to express my sincere thanks to all those members that came to our first 'Special/Emergency General Local Union Meeting' earlier in September in supporting, unanimously, this vital Local Union development for our kids!! See You There!!!

Our New Web Site

All our members are encouraged to visit our new web site of the Local Union. This site is linked to the National Union web site, and as we build it, the communication outreach to our entire members will be a vast required improvement. You can find it at:

www.cawlocal.ca/1256

Responding to Financial Challenges

Since early September, working with our new Financial Secretary Sister Marley Milford, we have attempted to reduce monthly costs and also build additional sources of revenue to the Local. I am so glad to report the agreement made with the 'Oakville & District Labour Council' in leasing available office space from our Local Union, in order to place their Community Labour Staff Representative, Sister Rose Bisson. Also we have worked to significantly reduce the unnecessary LOA's for the Executive of Local Union. This cost reduction matters so much. Along with this, we have eliminated costs associated to cleaning the Hall, and reduced costs for the supplies we need as well. And lastly, our new web site is cost effective, removing monthly charges from our books!!

Our Members at MSS (Magna)

I want to congratulate the leadership and members of our MSS Unit of our Local Union. The future of their union representation, through overwhelming majority rejected the so-called, 'Framework For Fairness', arrangement. In a lengthy debate, National President Brother Ken Lewensa, in attendance, explained the need for the membership to consider supporting this arrangement. Our members, properly have the ultimate collective authority to determine their own path. The rank and file courage demonstrated, and belief that MSS members have in their Union, at a time of incredible economic assault, is what built the Labour Movement. The Unit Leadership, and my assistance with them, must prepare, now, for collective bargaining. We need to fight to improve the living standards and the conditions of employment for each and every MSS member!! We can do it!!!

Up-Coming General Membership Meeting

We look forward to holding our next General Membership Meeting tentatively the end of November, early December. Ample notice and postings will go up as to where and when we will have our meeting. I want to encourage as many of our members to consider attending our General Membership Meetings as possible. The life of our Local Union rests on the participation and spirit of all of us!!

'Fighting Back Makes A Difference'!!!

In Solidarity,
Angus MacDonald
President CAW Local 1256