



CUPE 4000 Christmas Party

Saturday, November 21, 2009
Sala San Marco
215 Preston Street, Ottawa Ontario
Tickets: \$25.00 each
Available from
Council members
613-722-0652 ext. 270

Cocktails 6h00 p.m.
Dinner 7h00 p.m.
Hot & cold buffet
Late evening pizza
Dance to follow
Dj/ door prize



Aramark update

The ORCC at the Civic campus is moving. Aramark employees will experience layoffs for the first time since the company took over in 2002. We must remember even if we have strong language in our collective agreement, job security is not 100% insured. Members over 55 have received an early retirement package. Our Union representatives are looking with the Employer to minimize the impact of these cuts. Workload seems to be an issue, rising more and more due to budgetary constraints. Health and Safety, and Labour Management Committees, are dealing with the problem; trying to resolve it so we can have a safe workplace. Finally, I'd like to remind all Aramark employees that our collective agreement is expiring in December, 2009. You will receive a survey soon for the next negotiations. Please complete the survey and return it to the union office as soon as possible. The negotiation committee relies on these surveys to negotiate in your best interests. In solidarity
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Pandemic planning update

Button up your overcoat, get to bed by three, take good care of yourself; the flu is coming. H1N1 flu shots should be available in late Oct or early Nov of this year. It is our understanding that you will have the right to refuse the flu shot. If you do refuse it, the hospital will make every effort to move you away from quarantined areas.

The approved respiratory protection for this type of flu is the N95 surgical mask. Unfortunately you will need to be fit tested for this type of mask; if you have a beard you can not be properly fit tested. Employees with facial hair will not be required to be fit tested at the present time; if however a pandemic does occur, this will change. The Ottawa hospital is possibly looking at paid sick leave for regular part time and casual employees, if a pandemic of H1N1 flu does occur. Paid Sick leave would only be for the duration of the pandemic.



Getting the day off

Two factory workers were talking. The woman said, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replied, "And how would you do that?" The woman said, "Watch." She climbed up to a beam and hung upside-down from the ceiling. The boss came by and said, "What are you doing?" The woman replied, "I'm a light bulb." The boss said, "You've been working so hard that you've gone crazy. Take the rest of the day off." Her co-worker started to follow her out and the boss said, "Where are you going?" The man answered, "I'm going home. I can't work in the dark."

Internet/CALM

Member's Corner

Barb Scott is a fulltime CSS worker at the Riverside Campus. She started out working in electronics after graduating from a 1 year course at Algonquin College in 1986. She worked for a few years with electronics and then was hired to work in CSS at the Grace Hospital beginning on March 25, 1991. Eventually Barb became part of the Ottawa hospital with the merger. Her job is primarily to decontaminate the cystoscopes but she works with other operating room instruments as well. Barb will be retiring at the end of November and plans to pursue her hobbies which include bingo and reading. She also plans to do some travelling as a snowbird and spend more time with her 3 adult children and her 2 German shepherds.



Congratulations Barb.



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Rock for Public Services

The free David Wilcox concert on October 17, 2009 at the Civic Centre was a resounding success. The phenomenal show was sponsored by CUPE 503, CUPE 4000 and CUPE Ontario. There was no fee involved, just a voluntary donation to the Ottawa Humane Society, contributing to their new building on West Hunt Club Road, which is slated to open in 2010. Sandy Sharkey from Bob FM was an ideal MC for the evening. It's about time that people realized what CUPE is all about!

The headliner, David Wilcox, got rave reviews as did The Cooper Brothers and Anders Drerup. Over 3000 people came to take part in the concert.

Erika Trommershausen



Message from the President

Once again we find ourselves at the end of another year and there are still ongoing issues such as pay equity, redeployment, and we will be negotiating a new collective agreement for the Ottawa Hospital. In December Aramark will also be in negotiation for their collective agreement.

We have reached an agreement with Travois and 60 CUPE members have their first collective agreement. Congratulations!!!

On Sunday November 1st I attended the employee H1N1 vaccination clinic at the Riverside Campus and was very impressed with the whole process. I was in and out within the hour including the 15 minute rest they suggested after the shot. The set up was very well planned and ran very quickly, thank you to all the volunteers who helped. The Hospital believes that 8500 people received the shot during the two days at the Riverside Campus.

The CUPE 4000 Christmas party is Saturday November 21st at Sala San Marco on Preston Street, 7pm start. Tickets can be purchased from Directors at the different Campuses and will be available On Friday the 13th and 20th in front of the cafeterias at the Civic, General, and Riverside from 10am until 4pm.

Remembrance Day is a holiday for CUPE members but let us also remember the soldiers that have recently died in Afghanistan along with the soldiers from the World Wars and the Korean War.

Enjoy the festive Holiday season and Happy New Year to everyone

Sincerely,

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