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Cupe 4000 on TV

Some members may have seen the two television commercials that CUPE 4000 sponsored jointly with CUPE Ontario last year. They were shown on our local CTV station throughout last fall. One commercial showed some of our members from different fields working with patients and the other one showed a cardiac monitor slowly running down in an effort to publicize the effects of budget cuts to our hospital.

For 2010 we are preparing a new commercial which will also draw attention to the drastic effects that cutting the Ottawa Hospital Budget could lead to. If anyone would like to view the commercials we prepared last year they are posted on the homepage of our website. Go to cupe4000.com.

Lise Mainville

Hard times ahead for TOH

Hospitals in Eastern Ontario have been advised to get ready for a possible funding freeze according the Ottawa Citizen's Pauline Tam in an article that appeared on Feb. 3, 2010.

Get ready for cutbacks starting this April at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Of the 6 local hospitals most affected it is the Ottawa Hospital which will be hit the hardest. If the funding for TOH remains as is, our 1200 beds could be reduced by as many as 100 closures. We would also need to close between 6 to 8 operating rooms. This, of course, is a worst case scenario.

Dr. Robert Cushman, who is chief executive of the Champlain LHIN, warns the individual hospitals, not to do cuts independently, but to collaborate with each other, so as to avoid the domino effect.

When operating rooms are forced to close there will be a drastic reduction in both elective and emergency surgeries. Wait times for surgeries are already way too long.

Hospitals have been asked to prepare for cutbacks, assuming there will be a funding freeze. The best we can expect is a 2% funding increase.

According to our CEO, Dr. Jack Kitts, he welcomes any and all budget saving ideas which can be forwarded to the following e-mail address:

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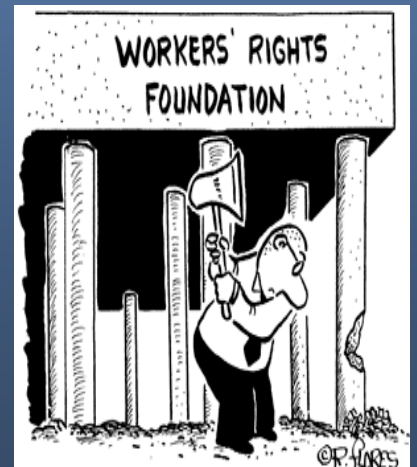
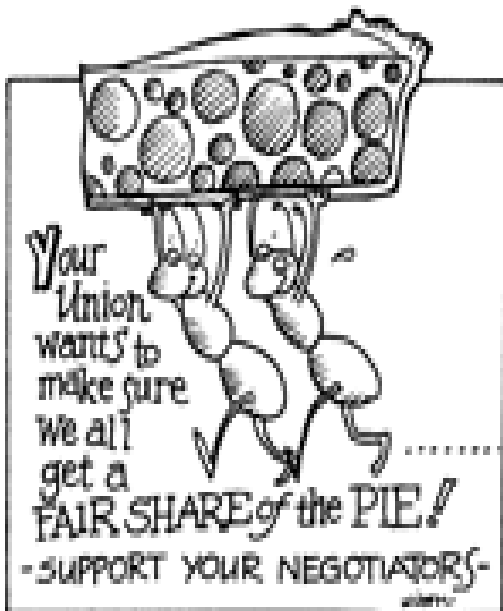
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President's Message

Welcome to our new and improved web site. At this time I would like to apologize to our French speaking members for not having the French section up and running yet. Please bear with us we will have this corrected soon.

Contract negotiations with the Ottawa Hospital will begin in February with bargaining dates set for the end of February and early March. This round of contract negotiation will be difficult due to the provincial government's

CUPE 4000 CHRISTMAS PARTY, 2009

Once again, Carolina DiRienzo outdid herself in arranging our CUPE Christmas party. There were over 200 enthusiastic members and guests who enjoyed themselves in the even larger banquet room at the Sala San Marco. Actually, it was Julie Avon of the General Campus who singlehandedly sold 50 of the tickets all by herself. This is the third year running that she sold more tickets than anyone else. The elaborate buffet, which included many delectable choices, something for every taste pallet,

potential cut backs to health care.

Let's have a round of applause for our hard working dedicated Publicity Committee for making this new web site

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was organized in such a way as to minimize congestion at the food tables. The DJ played music for all tastes, ensuring that the dance floor was forever hopping. The door prizes were simply astounding. A CUPE member from the General Campus ended up winning an all expense-paid weekend trip for 2 to Mont Tremblant. The elaborate door prizes were due to the generosity of Joe Herbert, Coughlan Insurance, The Credit Union, Debbie Valente, Telus Mobility, CUPE 4000, Carolina DiRienzo and The Ottawa Hospital.



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Thanks, Carolina, for a job well done. We look forward to an even more fantastic party next year.

Erika Trommershausen



The Registered Practical Nurses Committee represents all RPNs at TOH. The Committee has enjoyed the last 2 years, working hard to be a voice for nurses. Education, scope, skills, promotion and recognition have been on-going. We are 10 members who all have invested personal time to see that the RPNs are fairly treated, represented and encouraged to work at full scope. In a time when nursing is a difficult profession, we hold the bar high to deliver excellent nursing care to their patients. As nurses we are an important part of the health care team, and we are proud to have a wonderful union who supports, promotes and encourages us as Professionals.

We are seeking RPNs to get involved in committees. Clinical Performance Council, Patient Safety Committee, Fiscal Advisory Committee, Joint Campus Emergency Preparedness Committee, CNCPC. If you are interested please contact me. Linda Henry, Fawn Meilleur and myself are sitting on the Nurses Week Work Group Committee. This year Nurses Week is May 10- 14. Looking forward to seeing many of you at this years Nursing Luncheon on Friday May 14th.

If you have any issues, concerns, or questions please email the appropriate committee member. On behalf of the committee we thank you for your continued support. Shelley Cross RPN, Union Representative.

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