



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

I hope that you all enjoyed an excellent Christmas holiday and are ready to get back to the classroom once again as you begin the new calendar year. Those first few days back after an extended holiday are always a challenge. There are two upcoming events to which I would like to draw your attention.

There is a general association meeting planned for Wednesday, January 22nd. The main items on the agenda include discussion of resolutions to go to the Spring Council, notices of motion for changes to our local Constitution and an STF report by our executive assistant, Daryl Nordick. It would be nice to see a large portion of our membership at this meeting.

The other event, of course, is our local teachers' convention that will occur on February 17th and 18th. Janet Partaik and Marilyn Young, chairpersons of the convention committee, have been working very hard on your behalf to bring together a wide variety of interesting and relevant workshops. Please note the announcements in this newsletter regarding sign-up sessions for the Convention. These sessions will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. The February newsletter will contain a listing of the sessions that will be offered at Convention so that you can begin to think about how you would like to plan your days.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year! Good luck to those preparing high school students for their first semester final exams!

- Andrea Gareau

General Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

4:30 p.m.

**Carlton Comprehensive High
School Library**

Agenda Items

**Resolutions for Spring Council
Local Constitution Notices of Motion
STF Report - Daryl Nordick**

Yuk-Yuk's Evening

A social and yuk-yuk's comedy night will be held on Monday, February 17th at 9:00 p.m. at Diggers. Tickets are \$10/person. This fee covers the comedian only. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please give your name and money to your staff representative before February 5th. We can not guarantee the availability of tickets after this date.

Convention Sign-Up Session "A Trip To The Islands"

A joy of cooking session will be offered during the Convention on Monday, February 17th. You will learn to prepare exotic foods such as Polynesian Shrimp, Thai Bundles, Crab Stuffed Mushroom Caps, and Bananas Oscar (flambé). Of course, the best part of this session will be sampling the cuisine once the session has been completed! Pre-registration is required along with a \$15/person registration fee to cover the cost of supplies.

If you are interested in attending this session please give your name and money to your staff representative before February 5th. There is a limited capacity so priority will be given to the first 20 people to sign up.

Call For Resolutions

Please submit resolutions to Dan McAvoy at St. Anne School (fax: 922-7549). The deadline is January 15th, 2003.

- Resolutions will also be accepted from the Floor at the January 22nd General Association Meeting.

**Advisory Committee on Provincial
Collective Bargaining**

Congratulations to Tim Rapko for his election to the Advisory Committee on Provincial Collective Bargaining for District 8.

Thank you also to Graeme Wesson for accepting the nomination to this committee. Although Graeme was not the successful candidate it speaks well for the health of our local association that we had two well qualified and interested candidates come forward from the Prince Albert and Area Teacher's Association.



**STF Entrance
Scholarships**

The STF is offering 10 STF Entrance Scholarships of \$1000 each to be awarded annually to children of teachers who are current, superannuated or deceased members of the STF. Scholarship applicants must be entering their first year at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Applications for the Scholarship must be received in the Saskatoon office of the STF by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2003. Application forms and information may be obtained from and directed to Lisa Hansen in the Administration Department. (1800-667-7762)

Level I NCCP Theory Course

Will be offered at this year's convention. Registrants will be required to pay a fee of approximately \$25-\$35 and be willing to stay for two - 7 hour days. You will leave with a level I certification. Advance registration is required. All interested participants, please contact Janet Partaik - jpartaik@carlton.paschools.pa.sk.ca or Marilyn Young - myoung@carlton.paschools.pa.sk.ca. Please register by February 3rd.

STF General Secretary

The STF has appointed
**Lyle Vinish as
General Secretary.**
His duties will commence
as of April 1, 2003.

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PAATA wishes to put together a collection of educational websites that our members have found to be helpful. A variety of grade levels would be very useful. Please complete the information below and fax to the PAATA office at 764-1430. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Site Address: _____
Appropriate Grade Level(s): _____
Subject Areas(s): (Math/Science.L.A.) _____
General Comments: _____

Sask. Rivers LINC

**The Sask. Rivers local
Implementation and Negotiation
Committee (LINC) is:**

**Kim Tadei (Elected Chair)
Dovona West
Lynn Peterson**

**Thank you for agreeing to serve on
this committee. Good luck with
negotiations!**



**If you have suggestions for
improvements to the Sask. River
Local Agreement please contact Kim
Tadei (Princess Margaret).**

Congratulations and Thank You!

"Whether we are teachers, principals, professors or parents, our primary responsibility is to promote learning in others and in ourselves." (Barth, 2002) Thank you to the following Prince Albert and Area educators who made presentations at the Stirling McDowell annual Learning From Practice: Exchange of Teacher Knowledge and Research.

Denise Wilkinson Kathleen Kacuiba
Bev Walker Ann Alphonse
Kim Tadei Terry Ellen Jelinski
Cathy Mills Patti Cram