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... from the President's desk

STF Spring Council is over for another year. PAATA sent 13 councillors to discuss and vote on resolutions on your behalf. Many thanks to all of you who donated prizes for our hospitality room. All donations were gratefully received. There was a nice variety of items that had delegates returning each evening to enter their names. Diane Woloschuk returns again as our President. As you know from reading your Bulletin, there were no burning issues contained in the resolutions presented this year so it was a pretty routine round of voting.

Our next event is our Superannuation Banquet on June 10. This is always a lovely evening and a chance to recognize those members who have decided to superannuate. Hopefully, many of you will take the opportunity to join us.

Our budget, which will set our fee for next year, nominations for next year's executive and constitution changes will have been dealt with at our AGM on May 6. As I write this, the meeting has not occurred yet but I would like to thank all those who let their names stand for positions on the executive. We appreciate your willingness to put your time and energy into making PAATA work for us.

Every year, it always seems that once Easter Break has taken place, time seems to speed up. The extra activities at school increase, completion of curriculum becomes a priority, the nice weather makes it harder to get up and get going to work, we dream of spending the day outdoors. Before we know it the next 2 months will be gone. Even amongst the hustle and bustle of year-end activities there is a sense of satisfaction in completing our tasks and the approach of summer break. For those of you who will be going through year-end for the last time, I hope you are really enjoying the process. I know there will be those of you who will have mixed feelings about the change in your life retirement will bring. I wish everyone a great year end and hope the home stretch of this school year is not too stressful. Enjoy.

- Debbie McPherson

Superannuation Banquet

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Marlboro Inn

See your PAATA school rep for ticket information.



Congrès APFS 2009

Dates: les 24 et 25 septembre 2009

Lieu: École Holy Cross

2051-15^e Avenue Est Prince Albert, SK

Thank You

*To our members who donated prizes
for our hospitality room at
Spring Council.
Your gift was greatly appreciated.*

FRAIS D'INSCRIPTION:

Avant le 11 septembre - 75,00\$

Après le 11 September - 120,00\$

PLÉNIÈRE: Yves Nadon

D'autres renseignements/More information:

<http://members.shaw.ca/mh.prst/index.html>

Superannuates 2009

Sask. Rivers

*Roberta Amos
Lori Ball
Gordon Bland
Donavon Elliott
Linda Franc-Vickers*

*Patricia Funk
Donalda Hansen
Patricia Jamieson
Betty Johnstone
Yanna Kilmer
Merv Letkeman*

*Colin Neudorf
Johanne Otte
Lynn Peterson
Leona Strielioff
Doreen White*

P.A. Catholic
*Pat Heffernan
Eugene Panquin*

Honorary Members

1985 - *Solange Lavigne, Theresa Roy, William Hawryluk*
1985 - *Maurice Sorokan, Sister Josephine Ouellet,
Orpha Hunt*
1986 - *Jean Clyde, Zyg Yuzak, Fred Routley*
1987 - *Jean Mackenzie, Bert Gordon, Mauriel Stewart*
1989 - *Alice Blakely, Roman Kirzinger, Ken Reed*
1990 - *Vi Bucsis, Ron Lloyd, Jeanne Morgan*
1991 - *Louis Hartman, Doris Barentsen*
1992 - *Phyllis Gruending, Doreen Lloyd, Edward Leson*
1993 - *Fern Foster, Anna McDonald, Bill Smiley*
1994 - *Victor Johnson, Bert Provost, Doris E. Lund*
1995 - *Tena Bannerman, Joan Bell, Morley Harrison*

PARTA - *Michael Martyn, Al Subchyshyn*
2002 - *Art Loucks, Joe Lustig*
2002 - *Beth Rude, Marlyce Sherman*
2002 - *Irene Feader, Barry Hollick, Gary Megaffin*
2003 - *Eldon Danielson, Rick Gasior, Dale Mitchell*
2004 - *Donna Thorsen*
2005 - *Sundras Nainaar*
2006/07 - *Rene April, Linda Cairns, Kim Tadei*
2007/08 - *Tim Rapko, Norm Sumners*
2008/09 - *Sandra Putland, Twyla Simola*

Here's my Rookie Councilor Story!

I had just come back from my wonderful (Swine Flu Free) Mexican trip then I had to hop again into my speedy car to drive to my very first Spring Council. While driving, I quickly realized that I had no idea what was going to happen at this conference. All I knew was where to go, what time to be there, and not to forget my binder. As I made it just on time to the start of the conference, I soon realized this one wasn't going to be one of those Mickey Mouse conferences. It was very professional. Everything was well organized. There were competent administrators from STF who shared their knowledge on different topics, the Minister of Education spoke to us, the Gala was wonderful and the food was excellent.

One of the key points of this conference was resolutions. Being new to this process, I often heard and read resolutions but didn't really understand how we really ended up with all these policies. One thing that I learned is: "I learned that I didn't know much about my own federation." This was sure an eye opener!

Through the process of explaining and voting for or against resolutions, I soon realized that as professionals, we truly have the power to make a difference. We have the power to choose or reject policies, as well as contracts.

On my part, I am very happy to have had the privilege to learn more about our profession and especially to be able to make a difference!

P.S.: By the way, the social part of it was awesome. Food, fun, laughs, and more food. Interested in joining us?

Submitted by: Annie Beaumier (HC)