



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## *... from the President's desk*

Once again, we are heading into report cards and parent/teacher interviews. As well, numerous extra-curricular activities are requiring a lot of our time; volleyball wind-ups, badminton start-ups, music festival, the beginning of spring recitals and tournaments. Spring: hard to believe it's just around the corner.

Convention is right at our door step. The program is looking like there might be something for everyone. There are a variety of sessions being offered for many different interests. I would like to encourage you to take in the social at the golf and curling club. Many thanks once again for the use of Carlton School. We would never be able to pull this convention off without their cooperation and participation. They don't sign up for this but non the less they are heavily involved and the committee appreciates everything they do to help make our convention a success.

The Provincial Collective Bargaining Process continues to move forward. I have included an update in this issue of the newsletter. As they begin to open negotiations in March it will be interesting to see the results of all our preparation work.

I look forward to seeing everyone at convention and hope you enjoy your 2 days at Carlton.

*- Debbie McPherson*

### **Prince Albert Council of Women**

announces that *Linda Nosbush* will be inducted into their Hall of Fame  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4:00 p.m.  
E.A. Rawlinson Centre  
Tickets: \$20  
Call: Patricia (764-5051); Randi (953-4777) or Marie (763-2550)

### **Door Prizes**

Crafters and Artists  
Don't forget about the Hospitality Room at Spring Council. We need donations from our members their friends/neighbors/ anybody!

## **PRINCE ALBERT AND AREA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

### *Annual General Meeting*

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
3:00 p.m.  
Carlton Cafetorium

### **McDowell Foundation**

Application deadline for research grants is March 31, 2007. Contact the office for more info.

### **Convention Social**

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Tee Room  
Golf & Curling Club



## **Conference - *Breaking the Silence***

***We Are At A Watershed: Creating Change Through Advocacy***

**Friday, March 16, 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.**

Contact the PAATA office for more details.

**REMINDER :** To pre-register for the sessions that require it, email your request to: [paata@sasktel.net](mailto:paata@sasktel.net) Some sessions are already full. Many have lots of open spots yet.

# **PROVINCIAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE**

*February 28, 2007*

## **Organizational Preparations for Provincial Collective Bargaining Continue**

The Federation is working on the next steps to prepare for the provincial bargaining table. Following is a schedule of organizational preparations leading up to the Annual Meeting of Council in late April.

March 1-2 Teachers' Bargaining Committee meeting.

March 2-3 Strategic Advisory Committee on Provincial Collective Bargaining meeting.

The Teachers' Bargaining Committee will join the Strategic Advisory Committee on March 2 for presentations by Rex Beaton, McDougall Gauley, Larry Deters, Statistics Canada; and Doug Elliott, Sask Trends Monitor.

March 8-9 Provincial Executive meeting. The Executive will consider and approve the Proposal Information for Council Consideration.

March 15 Proposal Information for Council Consideration distributed to councillors and made available to all teachers on InfoSource.

March 29-30 Teachers' Bargaining Committee initial meeting with Government Trustee Bargaining Committee to set the stage for the bargaining process.

April 25-27 Annual Meeting of Council Councillors to consider, amend and/or approve contents of Proposal Information for Council Consideration.

The approved package will be presented at the bargaining table in early May as the Proposal Information for Teachers' Provincial Collective Bargaining.

## **Negotiations Begin Spring 2007**

The Teachers' Bargaining Committee and the Government/Trustee Bargaining Committee have agreed to open negotiations beginning in March 2007.

Two dates, March 29-30 have been scheduled for the committees to meet in Regina to set the stage for the bargaining process.