



LOCAL 1256

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Summer is upon us and a time for holidays, more time with family and friends. Not only has the climate improved to make us feel better, but hopefully the gains we have collectively fought for as workers have made our lives better. Our position as a Local Union is to advance on behalf of our members with no concessions even when it is expected of us.

We have completed two rounds of successful bargaining this year with Boart Longyear and Certainted. The Local Union also had WSIB and duty to accommodate training at the Local. This is an area of great importance to our members, Workers rights under Health and Safety, WSIB, Human Rights, and Collective agreements. We as representatives always must improve our skills and be knowledgeable enough to make credible arguments that forward our interest for the betterment of the member. We have also had Reps from the various work places in the Local who have taken advantage of paid education leave courses. Congratulations to all of you.

Our June executive meeting in recognition of all the great work they do on behalf of the membership, I personally thanked each and every one of them. I would like to recognize also you work place reps, committee persons for all that you do on behalf of the members. It would be easy for each and every one of you just to look the other way. To do what you do day in day out speaks volumes of your character. Criticisms are many sometimes. Thank you to each and every one of you.

I was approached by The United Way of Oakville to participate in this year's campaign video message. I immediately agreed. I believe this is the least I can do to support such a great organization. The agencies under their umbrella and the social benefits the community receives is immeasurable. I encourage each and every member to support The United Way Campaign this year. The needs are greater. We all probably know someone who has benefited from this agency, especially in these economic times.

G8 G20 summit a few of us will be joining the protest in Toronto next Saturday from our Local. Again we as workers will try to make a difference and collectively as a Labour movement have our voices heard. Leaders from around the world will be there and are making decisions that sometimes are not in the best interest of the common man. The environment, human rights and social issues are some of the main issues they will be discussing. Our sisters will lead the protest, as some of their issues internationally will be at the forefront of the agenda.

General membership meeting June 27th please try to participate there have been many issues the Local Union has faced since taking office. It would be great to see you there. Participation is so important.

Labour day we are currently preparing for. I know this marks the end of summer for most of us and maybe you think it is a little early to mention this before summer has begun. Please try and join us in Hamilton Labour Day to celebrate together our day as workers. I will post information in August. Have a great summer brothers and sisters. Enjoy your time with family and friends. You deserve to. Remember fighting back does make a difference.

In Solidarity
Angus MacDonald
President Caw Local 1256