



ADETFO INFO

Stewards: Please
Post

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It is the one season of the year when we can lay aside all gnawing worry, indulge in sentiment without censure, assume the carefree faith of childhood, and just plain "have fun." Whether they call it Yuletide, Noel, Weinachten, or Christmas, people around the earth thirst for its refreshment as the desert traveller for the oasis.

~D.D. Monroe



Kitty, Doug and Kelly

THE  LUNG ASSOCIATION™
When you can't breathe, nothing else matters.

Thank you to all ETFO members! ADETFO was well represented again this year at the *Lung Association's Festival of Trees*. In addition to sponsoring a tree, we were able to donate numerous toys to Christmas Cheer.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WHO IS NOBODY?



ADETFO is pleased to inform you of a partnership with Rotary. The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club has sponsored the purchase of two kits that put Character-Into-Action! This valuable curriculum resource promotes citizenship, community involvement, and global citizenship by focusing on student's unique strengths and interests. To learn more about "Nobody" visit www.adetfo.on.ca.

If you are interested in borrowing one of these kits for your classroom, email Kelly or Doug.

Don't wait ~ first come first serve!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER

Proudly Helping Union Families Since 2004

How would you feel if your employer refused to talk/bargain and you were approaching Christmas on the picket line?

We currently have seven Ontario Union Locals, representing 862 members facing these exact conditions.

Operation Christmas Cheer's mandate is to deliver grass roots support, cheer, food hampers, grocery gift cards (so that family can purchase a traditional Christmas dinner) and toys to Ontario picket lines during the Holiday Season.

As a gesture of support, our local executive has forwarded a \$350.00 donation on behalf of ADETFO members. For further information contact: OperationCheer.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members are reminded that ETFO's position is that you should not lose preparation time due to participation in PLC's. As previously indicated in the Dec. 1st letter and email to Stewards, if you are instructed by your principal that you are required to attend a PLC during your scheduled prep. time (request this direction in writing) you should comply and immediately notify the ADETFO office.

PRS Services: Professionalism

Tips on resolving professional conflicts:

When attempting to resolve an individual or group conflict, take a step back and try to:

- consider the issue, not the person's emotions involved.
- try to see the problem from the other person's perspective.
- listen attentively and reflect upon what was said.
- determine the level of compromise that you are willing to consider.
- specify what can be done by each of the parties to improve the working relationship.
- evaluate whether or not the expectations are realistic, reasonable and achievable.
- identify possible alternatives and workable solutions.
- request assistance from others if you are unable to resolve the conflict directly.

YOU ARE INVITED:

to a celebration of friends and family in honour of **Gord Widgett** on **January 14th** at the Riuniti Hall. All members are welcome. Tickets are \$25.00 (spaghetti dinner). Please contact Marg Dodds (942-8630)

or the ETFO office (942-3379) to purchase tickets.



ANNUAL ADETFO AWARDS

Did you know that you can nominate individuals for the following awards?



1. Support Staff
2. Outstanding Bus Driver
3. Innovative Educator
4. Humanitarian
5. Volunteer

January 2011 Nomination applications sent to schools.

March 31st 2011 Nominations due at ADETFO office by 4:00pm.

May/June Awards presented at ADETFO dinner.

Looking for resources for supplemental lessons, lesson planning and professional development? Check out Education World's website.

www.educationworld.com