

December, 2004

THE BIG RALLY

On Saturday, November 27th, 2004, OPSEU Members rallied in front of Queens Park to tell Dalton McGuinty to keep his promises!!! Thousands of people marched from Nathan Phillips Square to the Ontario Legislature Building on University Avenue.

The message is clear!!! Spending cuts hurt public service. As a result, we are all affected by it. On election night in October 2003, Dalton McGuinty sent a message to Ontario public servants: "I value your work and I look forward to working with you so we can provide better services to our public," he said. The Premier needs to be accountable to his words.

Highlights from the rally included a carnival style event, live music bands, great food, free t-shirts and OPSEU flags. If you missed the rally, no worries, you

can show your support at the next OPSEU major event.

Why support rallies you ask? Because it can make a difference. "As an individual, you need to understand that you can make a difference. Countless changes and improvements have been accomplished through the efforts of just one person. Don't sell yourself short; you can indeed make a substantial difference for our cause."

"As a member of a collective gathering, the likelihood of making a difference is improved exponentially. By jointly delivering our message, we can convince our policymakers to further invest resources into public service."

As an OPSEU member, "remember the people of Ontario will benefit the most from your



Photo above: Julie Weber, Local 228 President

efforts. Improvements in delivery of public service will greatly enhance everyone's quality of life."

If we fail to take action for what we believe in, then Dalton McGuinty will have succeeded. If we do not fight for our cause we will fail our future and ourselves.

Finally, anything is possible. Be part of history, make history!!

In solidarity,
 Kin Lim

Excerpts from Why Should We Rally? Making a Difference in Rural America
 By Bud Crawford, Georgia Rural Water Association

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A message from the President...

As my term as your President comes to an end, I would like to review for you our accomplishments in the last two years;

- 1) Resolved over 50% of our grievances locally.
- 2) Over 400 signed union members. Two thirds of members have signed a union card in the last two years.
- 3) Converted several unclassified staff to classified status.
- 4) Successfully resolved many classification grievances locally.
- 5) Working towards having successful labour related committee's running smoothly with fair practices regarding co-chairs, members being elected at our next General Membership Meeting.
- 6) Implemented a Workplace Labour Relations Committee.
- 7) Changed our delegate status from two to three for Convention Call
- 8) Maintained consistency in our bank balance, with the exception of monies owing to local 280.
- 9) Changed our banking to a better bank with no monthly fees.
- 10) Implemented working by-laws, requested, and adopted by the General Meeting.
- 11) Maintained quorum at every General Membership Meeting since January 28, 2003.
- 12) Built and maintained good relations with senior management, and several supervisors to build and encourage a better workplace for all.
- 13) Over thirty local members trained/educated at OPSEU educational's.
- 14) More members involving themselves with our local, and union.
- 15) Had over a dozen fee for service/consultants offered/provided contracts and or converted to classified status per the Bargaining Integrity Grievances.

With all this said, but, certainly not limited to, I feel we have a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to in the future. Thank you for affording me this opportunity to be your Local President. I hope you elect me as your Local President for my second term on February 9, 2005.

I wish all members of local 228 and their families a wonderful holiday season.

In solidarity,
Julie Weber

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