

# UNION STEWARDS

**UNION STEWARDS** are your link to OPSEU. They work with you. They know you. You know them. So why not call upon them for help when you need it most at work??!!

**OUR** Stewards either have gone through or will have undergone through extensive educational training on how to be a more effective representative. They are in constant communication with the Local Executive Committee and therefore can express your views and concerns to the LEC more efficiently.

**IDEALLY**, each work area should have a union steward present in order to effectively represent you. Remember, they are your link and information liaison between you and the Union. If your area requires a Steward, volunteer and get involved.

**BECOMING** a union steward is simple. Just make a request to your local president of your intentions and you will become officially elected at the next general membership meeting. This position affords opportunities and experiences that can directly build on your interpersonal & developmental skills.

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**FOR** example, you can take educational courses on labour relations, attend and participate in several seminars/ conferences each year, sit on different sub-

committees and/or initiate your own individual projects. By attending some of these functions you will meet new and interesting people and build valuable networks.

**GET** involved!! Be an active participant of the Union and you will be amazed at how much things you can do. Even by being informed of labour issues and workplace safety or attend the local's general meetings is a start. Ask your local stewards about any updates, progress or developments. Finally, ask not what OPSEU can do for you, but what you can do for OPSEU.☺

– by: Kin Lim

## LOCAL 228 COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STEWARDS

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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Greetings,

As promised, here are the figures for October, 2004. I have included both CIBC and TD Bank records. I am planning some fundraising initiatives in the very near future such as 50/50 draws, advertising in our newsletter and rummage sales in order to increase our budget. Relying simply on rebates is not enough. Please email me if you have any ideas on how to raise money for our Local.

IN OCTOBER, 2004

CIBC Bank Statement Balance: \$1,045.52  
General Ledger Balance: \$975.52  
Number of Transactions: eight  
Amount of Debits: \$18,970.69  
Amount of Credits: \$0  
TD Bank General Ledger Balance: \$18,000.00  
Number of Transactions: one  
Amount of Debits: \$0  
Amount of Credits: \$18,000.00

\*\*\*\*On October 22, 2004, a substantial amount of funds were transferred from the CIBC Bank to TD Canada Trust Bank. We anticipate closing the CIBC Bank no later than December, 2004\*\*\*\*

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### A word from the Editor:

I am accepting ads for the next issue. If you want to sell anything or want to advertise in the newsletter, please contact me.

**Kin Lim**

### *A message from the President...*

Greetings My Fellow Respected Brothers and Sisters,

With the possibility of an upcoming strike, I feel compelled to write this note to advise you all that we need to continue to demonstrate the spirit and the meaning of SOLIDARITY. With this said, your willingness to DEMAND Fairness, want Fairness, and expect Fairness, displays that we all understand the true meaning of "NOTHING WILL COME OF NOTHING!"

Let us rejoice in our Brotherhood & Sisterhood. Our FORTUNE we have one another. We should demand the same quality of standards from our employer in which they demand from us. You all work very, very hard and deserve nothing less.

Stay proud, stand tall, and DEMAND FAIRNESS!! I get it...do you?

Your Not Yet Muzzled President,

**Julie Weber**

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### Membership Info:

**320 (approximately) members in good standing for Local 228.**

- + Ministry of the Attorney General
- + Ministry of Consumer and Business Service
- + Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- + Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- + Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

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