

Local 329 Buzz



KEEPING MEMBERS UNITED

News and Information for OPSEU Local 329

October Issue

Message to our member

OPSEU Mental Health Division had a lobby day at Queen's Park October 17th. There were numerous members from Mental Health and Addictions from across Ontario present. We were given an opportunity to break out into groups and meet with various MPPs to express our concerns about violence in the workplace. Members present from our Local, Pete Sheehan, Ron LePage, Kathy Moreau and Al Donaldson, met with Labour Minister Kevin Flynn and MPPs France Gelinas, Ann Hoggarth and Patrick Brown. Each group voiced the same concerns; violence towards our members, staffing for frontline workers, proper funding to match the true costs of running psychiatrist hospitals and for it to be acknowledged that we are largely

affected by PTSD and to be included as first responders covered.

OPSEU will be sponsoring a province wide inquiry into violence in health care centres. We will keep you informed of when they are expected to be in our area and we hope that you will take a few minutes to meet with them and share your first-hand experiences.



Health and safety matters

We would like to thank all our members who keep us informed of health and safety issues, but would like to remind you of an important step that must be followed. When you are made aware of any kind of health and safety issue, you must report it to your direct manager (or Shift Nurse Manager after-hours), as well as notifying the Union and Health and Safety Committee.

The Union was recently contacted regarding the lack of training for staff escorting patients in the community and throughout the hospital campus. The Union believes there needs to be a written policy on this matter and

direction on who to contact in the event of emergencies while on escorts should be communicated to members asap. In the meantime, if you ever have any questions about your responsibilities or regarding policies/procedures, please contact your manager immediately. You are always welcome to also contact a Union representative. A list of union reps is available on all designated OPSEU boards, on PenNIE or at opseulocal329.ca. You can also contact the Union office at x 2324 or 2004 or call Pete Sheehan directly at (705) 209-9050. Thank you!



Follow our Facebook page OPSEU Local 329 to stay up-to-date with important Local business, including Social Committee events and give-aways.

Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 2nd
at 7:15pm sharp!

North Simcoe Sports and Rec Centre
2 Len Self Blvd., Midland
In the Community Hall (upstairs)

AGENDA

Bargaining Demand Set
Grievance update
Staffing update

Come out for your chance to win one of six \$50.00 gift cards
(winner's choice)

October is Occupational Therapy Month.
We would like to thank all OTs for everything you do!

Puzzle winners

Congratulations to our August puzzle winners, Amanda Macy and Carolyn Bentham and to our September puzzle winners, Bruce Light and Serena Martel. You have

each won a \$10.00 Tim Hortons gift card.

Don't forget to submit your completed puzzle every month. You could be our next winner!

We want to hear from you

Do you have any suggestions for newsletter content? Do you have a recipe you want to share? If so,

please send it to us via the "contact us" link on our website or email alyson.parent@yahoo.ca.

SHARE YOUR MESSAGE HERE!!!

Do you have a special announcement to make? Want to wish someone a happy birthday? Thank someone?

Send us your message to alyson.parent@yahoo.ca
and we will share it here
(some restrictions apply).

Sign up to receive important notices from the Local via email at
opseulocal329.ca

Social Committee News

Rounds Ranch Tickets a Success!

Rounds Ranch provided the Local with discounted tickets (\$9.56 each plus HST). The Social Committee provided an additional discount, allowing members to purchase

tickets for \$10.00. This was a very popular event that sold well over 100 tickets. We hope you all had a great time there!

Yuk Yuk's Show

We conducted a poll on our Facebook page to find out interest of attending a Yuk Yuk's show. Thank you everyone who took the time to vote. Although we did have quite a few people who said they wanted to attend, there

wasn't enough interest to ensure the event would sell out. Hosting such an event can be very costly and the Committee decided it was financially too risky to offer it at this time.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

The Social Committee wants to finish off the year with a BUNCH of give-aways, but you're going to have to work for them. That's right! We are doing another call-in-to-win event, two of them actually. Date, time and phone number to call will only be shared when the event starts, so make sure you follow our Facebook page and have signed up to our email distribution list because you just never know how we are going to announce it!



Italian Bake

(recipe from recipe4diaries.com)

Ingredients

- 3 pounds chicken breasts (cooked & cut into bite size pieces)
- 6 Italian sausage links
- 2 jars or spaghetti sauce (I use Hunt's in the can – cheaper & just as good!)
- 1 pound of pasta, penne, macaroni, shells or what ever you like
- 1 large package of pizza cheese
- 1 onion
- 2 large bell peppers – red & green, cut into chunks

Directions:

- Cut up chicken, onion, peppers and sausage
- Boil pasta and drain (don't over cook)
- Mix pasta, sausage, onion, peppers, chicken and sauce
- Put in a large deep dish. If it won't all fit, make a little side dish to freeze for lunch later
- Top heavily with cheese
- Bake at 325 degrees for about 45 minutes or until golden and bubbly

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BIG GIVE-AWAY
CALL-IN-TO-WIN
DEMAND SET
FIRE PREVENTION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG

OT MONTH
QUEEN'S PARK
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SPIRIT REPORTING
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Please submit completed puzzles to Sharon Parent on Awenda by noon
On November 14, 2017 for your chance to win!