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# December News and Updates

With the start of another school year, Northside-Victoria Local Executive and school representatives have been chosen. They are working for you and planning for the upcoming year.

•Rep Retreat: The school representatives, and executive members, attended a Rep Retreat on the weekend of November 15-16th. This retreat, held at the Quality Inn in Sydney, included a session on the funding available to our members through grants and bursaries. If you have any questions about these opportunities, your reps have more information to share with you.

•PDFC: The Professional Development Fund committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All applications (Career development, Educational Leaves, Peer Visitation etc.) must be completed and received by the Monday before the monthly meeting, prior to the event. Applications are available online from the CBVRSB website under Programs and Student services.

### **Social Committee Events**

## "Sleigh Bells Ring"

...all members and especially their children are invited to a sleigh ride at the Sunrise stables on Saturday, December 21 from 2 - 4 in the afternoon. The catch is we will need to have the numbers in by Wednesday the 18th. Come out and spend some family time with your kids and fellow friends. I hear Hot Chocolate will follow your riding in a winter wonderland !!! Please call Garland at Seton (794-2419) or any member of the Social Committee (Susan Spurrell, Darlene Bareta, Flora Cantwell, Paul Bowne and Peter Day).

In the near future we are planning a "Skating and Chili Night" at the Emera Center for our members and families. But, more on this in the new year.

Also, this year we will be compiling a Cook Book with all your favourite recipes....so in the very near future all members will be called upon to share your secret recipes with others!!

I look forward to hearing from you before December 18th.

Thank you,

Garland Standing



#### **Local Benevolence**

School Reps are asked to forward the names of teachers who are eligible for local benevolence to Charmaine MacDonald either by fax (736-3895) or by email: ecmacdonald@nstu.ca

Memorial Donations are for \$50.00 to the charity of choice. These donations are for the immediate family of teachers; namely parents, spouses, or children.

Sickness or injury on duty benevolence is a \$50.00 gift card of the teachers choice. This is for teachers who have been absent for four weeks of school.

FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS, MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON FILL YOUR HOME WITH JOY YOUR HEART WITH LOVE AND YOUR LIFE WITH LAUGHTER.

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

Thank You, Milton Bonnar President Northside - Victoria Local



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## Notes from the President 2013-2014

As we look back at the events and accomplishments of 2013 and as the year progresses we, as teachers, will have many obstacles to overcome. We will continue to work hard to improve the challenges of our teaching profession in 2014.

The negotiations committee continues to work hard along with the board on our local contract. We have meetings booked early in January 2014.

As the 2013 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of the Northside -Victoria Local for your support during the past year. Over the next few months our local have some events and activities organized for our members and their families. We encourage all of you to attend these events with your family. Take time to enjoy deserved R&R.

Over the holidays, remember to enjoy your break in the company of family and friends. Keep in mind that my door is always open to any concerns or problems you may face. I may be reached at: 577-8243

I wish you and yours the best of health and happiness during Christmas and the coming year.

Thank You,

Milton Bonnar

## Northside-Victoria Local Executive 2013-2014

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