



"I always know the preschoolers class had an exciting morning in here when you ask for a mop."

## Quick Update for October 18th, 2023

After an Executive Committee meeting yesterday, your Executive wanted to communicate some information for all members....

**Training Class Absences** – Darren Kerr and Michelle Madley met with Bob Avery late last week to discuss the training courses that have been identified by our members that they need the most. When the signups for these courses happen, permanent members are given priority by seniority date and casuals are given priority for the courses as of the date and time they signed up for the course. One of the issues we have had in the past that we would like to see taken care of is members signing up for the courses and not showing up for the course. This is not a good situation for our members or the employer so it's a shared concern.

**If you are going to sign up for a training course, please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. If for some reason (personal emergencies or illness) you are not able to attend, please make sure to reach out by email or phone and let them know. This allows someone else who also needs the training course to take it and possibly be able to work overtime alone on a weekend or post for a new position.**

**Social Committee Request** – We've got right around 600 members in our Local and we know all kinds of people around town from all different walks of life. If you know a small or big business owner that might want to donate to our Christmas Party with a raffle prize, gift card or something else – please let us know by either emailing their information to the office so we can contact them – OR – we can supply you with a letter from the Local asking for donations which end up funding our Childrens Christmas Party. Donations drive the bus on this one folks – all the money we make from raffles, drinks, tickets, etc for the adult party goes directly into buying gifts and putting on the Childrens Party. You can contact the office at [cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca](mailto:cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca) or by phone and speak to Janna at 905-544-7733

**Union Meeting Reminder** – we will be having our October union meeting this Sunday at the HWETL office starting at 10am. Please plan to attend and get yourselves up to date with what's going on in the Local and have your vote count on motions and ideas that members have on different issues. We will be having nominations for two bylaw committee members that was put over to October from our September meeting.

**Speaking of Parties....** – Our Christmas Party will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Legion Hall on Upper Wentworth across from Limeridge Mall – doors will open at 5pm – sit down buffet dinner will start at 6pm – bar will be open for the evening. We will have raffles, door prizes, toonie tosses for a couple different prizes, a dj and dancing – it's going to be a fun night for everyone. Tickets are limited to 225 so it will be first come, first served for all members. Members are encouraged to bring their spouse or partner, retirees are welcome to attend as well.

Tickets will be \$25 per person and available starting next week at the union office for pickup in person. Janna is in the office from 8am to 4pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have a few co-workers wanting to go – pool your money and have just one pick up the tickets for everyone and make sure they get a coffee or a muffin for picking them up. We will not be making deliveries of tickets to buildings as last time it turned into a logistical nightmare keeping track of tickets and money that a dozen people had. Party flyer is attached with this email for your information!



**Absence Next Week** - I will be leaving early Saturday morning for the CUPE National Convention in Quebec City next week from Sunday to Friday afternoon. Pat Amatangelo will be chairing the union meeting on Sunday and will be in charge of all decisions while I'm away with the help of the rest of the Executive. If there is a serious issue that I'm required for, the Executive will be able to reach me but for 99% of what happens next week I will not be available for calls or emails.

Cheers,

Blake



**CUPE 4153**  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER / DANCE**

**Saturday ~ December 2, 2023**

**RCL Branch 163**

**435 Limeridge Road East, Hamilton**

**Doors & Bar Open at 5:00 pm / Dinner Served at 6:00 pm**

**CATERED BUFFET DINNER AND DJ DANCE PARTY**

**50/50 DRAW, RAFFLES, AND GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES!**

**CUPE 4153 MEMBERS AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**225 TICKETS ARE FOR SALE FOR \$25 EACH AT THE UNION OFFICE**

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 22ND, ON A 1ST COME 1ST SERVE BASIS**

**THE UNION OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY FROM 8:00am—4:00pm (Lunch: 12-12:30)**

**100% of proceeds from Dinner/Dance tickets, 50/50 draw and all raffle ticket sales will support the CUPE 4153 Children's Christmas Party.**

**\$1 from every drink sold will also be donated back to support the Children's Christmas Party.**