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CUPE Socials?

Would anyone be interested in starting to do some fun things together as a local? Maybe some would be involving our family members as well? Some ideas maybe sports leagues, picnics, card games.

Please contact: lizjamescupe1479@gmail.com

Member Spotlight....

CUDF Local 1479 Has An Author... **Suzanne Desrochers-Dobbie!**

Suzanne **Desrochers-**Dobbie is the author of Aunt Suzy's Life Lessons as told through her dog, Cuddles.

She has

written numerous



"Life's Little Lessons" by Aunt Suzy children's stories about her Pug, Cuddles. The musical from the story, Cuddles Meets a Special Friend, will be released by the end of 2013.

Suzanne is also the author of a story in the book Chicken Soup for the Soul: Miraculous Messages from Heaven. The story is called, "Tom, Are You There?" She is

currently selling the books for \$15.00 and all the proceeds are going to St. Martha Catholic School Council.

She will be releasing the book Cuddles Meets a 'Special' Friend by the time its musical is performed at St. Martha's in June of 2014.

Suzanne has worked for ALCDSB since September 1994 in Kingston, ON as an Educational Assistant.

Suzanne says:

I love working with children! Over the years with all the yard supervision I have done, I noticed how every year it was always a challenge with students learning to get along. The last few years especially have been very trying. The students seem to not understand how to interact with others. This inspired me to create my many stories of my pug, Cuddles. Reading my stories to them about the same issues they can relate to and how to problem solve. It has been wonderful and I look forward to reaching out to so many more children through my stories.

If you are looking for more information on this amazing local author, her pseudonym is *"Life Lessons" by Aunt Suzy* and her email address is *dobbsuza@alcdsb.on.ca*.





On a sad note: It is also with great regret that we inform you that Bill Stevens, husband of Rita Stevens, Secretary at Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education for Trenton and Picton campuses, passed away on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014. Condolences also go to Wendi Hudson, CYW at NCC whose brother-in-

law passed away. Sadly the brother-in-law of Rick Watt, Custodian at St. Gregory Catholic School passed away on February 4th, 2014. We also regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Bernard McDonell, father of Lynne Gunter, Early Childhood Educator at St. Carthagh Catholic School on February 14, 2014. Condolences are also going out to Andrew Eves, custodian at St. Martha, on the passing of his father Bill Eves on February 8th. You are all in our prayers.

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers or has passed away, or is celebrating a happy time in their life please email blake@alcdsb.on.ca





Non-Teaching Internal Job Postings:

53-14-15-TUTOR - TUTORS IN THE CLASSROOM 53-13-14-TUTOR EXTERNAL BOARD WIDE 2/28/2014 4:00 PM

54-13-14-DIR - DIRECTOR - WOLFE ISLAND DAY CAMP 54-13-14-DIR EXTERNAL WOLFE ISLAND 3/7/2014 4:00 PM

55-13-14-CT - PERMANENT CARETAKER POSITIONS 55-13-14-CT INTERNAL BOARD WIDE 2/24/2014 4:00 PM

56-13-14-CT - 1.0 FTE CARETAKER III 56-13-14-CT INTERNAL BELLEVILLE 2/25/2014 4:00 PM

57-13-14-SEC.LS - 1.0 FTE LEARNING SERVICES SECRETARY 57-13-14-SEC.LS INTERNAL NAPANEE 2/25/2014 4:00 PM

OSBCC CONFERENCE (ONTARIO SCHOOL BOARD COORDINATING COMMITTEE) FEB. 4-8

Eight members from the Executive and Negotiation Committee attended this conference in Niagara Falls. This is was an excellent learning opportunity for our local. Some of the areas of discussion were;

- Report from Bargaining Committee
- Campaigns Bargaining Support Plan
- Health & Safety /Injured Workers Forum
- Classification Meetings
 - EA's
 - Custodians
 - ECE's
 - IT
 - Office Clerical

- Trades
- Instructors
- Professionals
- Library Workers
- Political Action/Effective Lobbying/Trustee Elections
- Bargaining Support/Communicator training
- Public Speaking
- Media
- Social Media
- Understanding Board Finances
 - Benefits
 - OMERS
 - Health & Safety/Injured Workers Forms Etc.
 - Bargaining 101

Thanks to the purchase of a new computer I am able to send out copies of information compiled at the conference. If you are interested in receiving anything please send me your PERSONAL email to <u>lizjamescupe1479@gmail.com</u>

<u>http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet&BillID=2882</u> for more information on the topic. If you would like a copy of the minutes from this meeting please email <u>lizjamescupe1479@gmail.com</u> and I will forward them to you.

The Ontario School Board Coordinating Committee unites CUPE members in the Education sector who do the work that makes learning and teaching possible.

They are the custodians and stationary engineers, administrative assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria employees, education assistants, English as a second language and literacy instructors, community advisory and clerical staff, both in the schools and at the board office. CUPE represents 45,000 members in this sector in Ontario.

The committee allows education workers from across the province to share information and strategies for bargaining and to discuss issues and policies of concern. With 300 CUPE locals organized into 24 regions, this committee helps locals to fight against contracting out and to defend public education in the face of cutbacks to education spending.

http://www.cupe.on.ca/s24/school-board





April 12th, 2014 @ 9:30a.m.

JJ O'Neill, Napanee

FROM CUPE ONTARIO SCHOOL SECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Your local is one of the locals where the employer is defaulting to 66.66% pay on the 12th day of absence, please complete and send the letter found in one of the links below. We are asking Premier Wynne to directly intervene in fixing this problem.

English: http://osbcc.cupevotes.ca/

French: http://cccso.cupevotes.ca/