

Local 002 News – March 2016

Local 002 Bursary Program a Roaring Success

A record number of members applied for the Wellness and Personal Development (W&PD) bursary this year. “We received approximately three times last year’s number of applications,” says JD Crookshanks, Chair of the W&PD Committee. “This was largely due to all the members who helped spread the word.”



168
Bursaries
Awarded

Volunteer members of the W&PD Committee went through the applications and divided up \$25,000 among 168 successful applicants. Applicants who haven’t received a bursary before are given priority over previous recipients. This year, the average bursary is approximately \$150.

Local 002’s executive is in the process of mailing out cheques. Applicants who haven’t received a bursary before who had eligible applications can expect to receive their cheque in the mail by April. We hope that members will continue spreading the word and applying if the bursary is continued next year.

Congratulations to Dennis Coulthard on his Meritorious Service Award!

In January 2016, Dennis Coulthard was presented with a AUPE Local 002 Meritorious Service Award for his 25 dedicated years as the Local 002 Chair.

In an interview with Dennis, we asked what he thought were some major gains made through the bargaining process.

“The bargaining round of 2014 achieved more gains than all the rest combined,” says Dennis. “The planets were in alignment for us and it turned around members’ attitudes towards their union. Some of the improvements included: salary increases over three years, improvements to vacation and union time-off, an increase in overtime pay, three days of personal leave as part of special leave as well as time off during a Christmas closure.”



Read more about what Dennis had to say:

http://local002.aupe.ca/Websites/aupelocal002/images/Newsletter/16Jan_dennis_award.pdf

EcoStar Award - Nominations accepted until August 21

Apply yourself or nominate another member for an EcoStar Award. Are you or do you know someone who has:

- Introduced or championed environmental initiatives in their worksite, their community or at various levels of government or non-governmental agencies?
- Been involved in environmental campaigns that made a significant impact on our members (to educate, activate, or the greatest reduction in carbon footprint, or greatest increase in reduce/reuse/recycle)?
- Led initiatives (of an environmental nature) that directly affect our members and our worksites?

If so, you may want to submit a nomination for this award

Nomination form: <http://www.aupe.org/documents/RKKUY/>

Looking for something to do with the family?

AUPE's Area Councils are groups of union volunteers who organize and run family-oriented union events throughout the year.



"In 2015, the Edmonton Area Council (EAC) sold nearly 7,500 Cineplex movie tickets and 1,100 West Edmonton Mall Choice passes at discounted rates to our members," says Pam Vona, Chair of EAC. "Members can purchase special event tickets. They just need to show their AUPE Membership Card and provide their local and chapter."

Sunday, March 13 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	LZ Trampoline Park	200 tickets available
Sunday, April 24 9:00 to 12:00 noon	Galaxyland	1,800 tickets available
Saturday, June 18 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Summer BBQ	1,000 tickets available

If you need a membership card or don't know your local and chapter, you can call the Resource Centre at 780-930-3300 for assistance.

Visit the EAC website @ edmontonareacouncil.aupe.ca for more information.

Find an area council in your area: <http://www.aupe.org/my-aupe/member/area-councils/>

Upcoming Chapter Annual General Meetings:

March 17 – Red Deer

March 19 – Edmonton (RSVP: http://shaw-fzwsf.formstack.com/forms/meeting_rsvp_chapter_002_agm)

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