

April Newsletter

April 22nd, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The next **Regular Monthly Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, May 16th, 2015** at the OFL Building, 15 Gervais Drive, Don Mills, Ontario. The meeting will commence at 9:30am.

The **Hamilton Area Information Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, May 28th, 2015** at the Teamsters Hall on 944 South Service Road, Unit 201, Stoney Creek, starting at 7:00pm. (4th Thursday of the Month)

The **Sarnia Area Information Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, May 27th, 2015** at the Pipefitters Hall on Confederation Street, starting at 5:00pm (4th Wednesday of the Month).

Bill C-377:

Bill C-377 is, once again, under active consideration by the Senate. The Bill has already passed the House of Commons and, while not technically a government Bill, it is strongly supported by the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/sencommitteebusiness/CommitteeMeetingSchedule.aspx>

Powerful arguments have been raised by the Canadian Bar Association, and former Conservative Senator, Hugh Segal, has publically called this Bill 'flawed'. This Bill is outrageously discriminatory, and a direct attack on legitimate union rights and freedom of association and expression.

http://www.cba.org/cba/news/2012_Releases/2012-10-25-billc377-eng.aspx

The underlying purpose behind this right-wing, anti-union, organizations' pushing, Bill C-377, is to tie up unions in costly red tape and to set the stage for US-style legislation that would destroy unions. I urge all our members to call, write, or visit their local MPs to let them know how upset they are over this anti-democratic Bill, and how it will personally affect and damage you and your family. This is an election year, so remind your MP that you are a voter and if they support this Bill, YOU WILL NOT VOTE FOR THEM!

To find out more on Bill C-377, google "Bill C-377, National Newswatch", or visit [Broadbent Institute](#).

YOUR Future is in YOUR Hands!

CANADIAN CONFERENCE:

At the last General Meeting, a vote was held for the upcoming Canadian Conference [to be held in Newfoundland, in July]. Congratulations to all the delegates who won!

Voting Results: **Brett Cashman** **Ken Brennan** **Garry Farrell**

NEW RULES & BY-LAWS:

The Rules and By-Laws were revised and updated at the last monthly meeting, held on April 18th. 2015. Updated booklets will be mailed out shortly.

WHMIS AND HEALTH & SAFETY:

For all the Brothers and Sisters in Ontario, please note that the annual WHMIS and Health & Safety Training is now in effect. If you are unemployed, please contact the Union Hall for locations of the upcoming training and to be scheduled in. If you are employed, it is the responsibility of the employer to make arrangements. Please make every effort to attend.

For Sarnia Area: If your IEC is about to expire and you are unemployed, please contact the Union Hall so we can make arrangements for the training to be completed.

GROUP INSURANCE – THE CO-OPERATORS:

After several requests by members on the floor to obtain a group insurance policy, I have sat down with several insurance brokers and have finally selected the best fit with Local 95: The Co-operators. More information on their products and services to follow. Members are not obligated to use this insurance provider. Hopefully they can save you money!

****REMINDERS****

Toronto Golf Tournament:

The Toronto Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 11th, 2015 at the Whispering Ridge Golf Club. Tee off time is at 8am sharp! The fee is \$95.00 per person.

If you are interested, please contact David Grouette at 905-376-2453 for more information.

Sarnia Golf Tournament:

The Sarnia Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 18th, 2015 at Camalachie Golf & Country Club.

If you are interested, please contact Area Steward, Bill Gray, at 519-899-2236 for more information.

Come out and participate in events held by the Local. Numbers have been decreasing over the years; these events will be cancelled if this trend continues. Please make every effort to attend and be a part of these events that unite local members. Support your Local!

Local 95 – 75th Anniversary!

“Save the Date” and “RSVP” cards will be mailed out. Please take the time to fill out the RSVP card and return it back to Local 95’s Union Office. The Office needs to finalize numbers with the hotel.

Please note that, due to limited space, reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis. Send in your RSVPs as soon as possible!

Fraternally yours,

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