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CUPE 1858 2014 CUPE Cares Service Awards



At the December AGM, CUPE Local 1858 presented their 2nd Annual CUPE Cares Service Awards to four deserving members. This year’s awards were presented as follows:

- The Solidarity Award was presented to Rolanda Murray for superior service to the Local.
- The Community Impact Award was presented to Stephen Schmidt for outstanding service to the communities the Local serves (Cowichan to Deep Bay & Powell River).
- The Professional Excellence Award was presented to Deborah Hopper for exceptional contributions within Vancouver Island University.
- The Rising Star Award, for a member who has been with the Local for less than three years, was presented to Darlene Goodrick for significant, positive contributions to the Local 1858.



Every year members of CUPE 1858 contribute their time, talent and energy to strengthening our communities, both personally and professionally. As an organization the Local believes it is important to recognize and celebrate those contributions. The Local’s Executive Officers are grateful for the ongoing contributions of their members and extend heartfelt congratulations this year’s recipients.



Heather Warwick from the Gold River Food Bank receiving cheques from CUPE Local 2769 School District #84 and Vancouver Island District Council (representing 30 CUPE Locals from Vancouver Island and Powell River) in the amounts of \$100 each. (Pictured above from L-R, Alison Cross (CUPE 2769), Alison Pringle (VIDC), Heather Warwick, Craig Anderson (VIDC), and Maureen Larsen (CUPE 2769).



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Agenda Items /Issues/Guest Speakers

Please submit agenda items or other pressing matters, and suggestions for guest speakers, in advance to the President, Amber Leonard. chiefshopsteward459@gmail.com or 250-642-1227.

Keep Our Meetings Scent Free

For the comfort of your fellow delegates who may be sensitive to chemicals found in scents, perfumes and aftershaves, please refrain from wearing heavy scents at the Council meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Delegates Lunch

An informal lunch will be served in the meeting room, at the meeting hotel at 12:15pm, on the day of the General Meeting. Cost is \$10.00 per person payable to the Sgt.-at-Arms at the meeting. Lunch for 30 will be arranged and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let Craig or Ali know of any dietary allergies.

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Submissions (maximum 500 words) are invited for the forthcoming editions.

A Word from the VIDC President

"It takes all of us to be movers and shakers..."

I trust that everyone had an opportunity over the holidays to reconnect and recharge with loved ones.

As I sit here on this foggy wet Saturday afternoon, I think about the past year and reflect on 2014:

- Numerous food drives
- Joseph Mairs –Ladysmith
- Quarterly Community Fundraisers
- Day of Mourning
- CUPE BC Convention – Vancouver
- Miners Memorial & Pacific Northwest Labour History Weekend – Cumberland
- Pride Parade – Victoria
- Labour Day Picnic – Victoria
- BC FED – Vancouver
- Sister In Spirit Vigils
- VIDC Christmas Dinner
- Clothing Drive for the Needy.

Not to mention, all the VIDC delegates on Provincial and National Committees.

You make me Proud. YOU make me PROUD to be President of this council. You are all amazing, dedicated, caring Trade Union Activists.

It takes all of us to be successful as movers and shakers in our communities, to make a difference.

For that I thank you and look forward to a New Year.

In Solidarity,
Amber



Support Pensions for All!

The t-shirt that talks! – Just upload the scans – English on left sleeve – French on right. Jack Layton asked us to continue his work and after securing 104 seats (for the federal NDP), he showed he certainly had a lot of supporters.

Cavan Advertising has allowed us to advertise our new t-shirts in support of Jack Layton and our 'Jack It Up' campaign. Between now and CUPE BC convention, I will collect pre-orders where locals can contact me and let me know how many they want. Locals will then pay when they pick up their shirts at convention.

Sizes for both men and ladies are available. Price per t-shirt will depend on the number of orders we receive. I will place, and track the orders leading up to convention. Simply send an email stating your name, local, contact phone/info., m/f, and size to Laura Johnson – l-jonson@telus.net

Submitted by: Laura Johnson



Laura Johnson & Thomas Mulcair



Here is an example of what the many cans of Protein for People salmon that went to food banks across the island with VIDC stickers on them looked like. Thank you to all the volunteers.