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Message from the President

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Welcome to the first ON CALL of 2013!
Our website, www.sceot.org has a new look and feel to it and if you haven't taken a look already, I strongly suggest you do! We have launched a new contest too so check it out for a chance to win!

The January 25th, 26th rally in Toronto was a huge success and we gave away rooms and raffled off a jacket as an incentive to get more OTs to attend. We had 27 OTs attend and we thank you for that!

February Representative Council was quite informative in regards to Regulation 274, the use of diagnostic assessments in the classrooms, and covering some of the changes in the pension plan and unemployment benefits. I strongly suggest you read up on all of these

changes at the appropriate websites (most links are on our website – if I am missing one, let me know and I can add it).

We are **looking for a member** who might be interested in attending our meetings with the intention of learning the rules and actually chairing our meetings in the future. If this is something that would interest you, PLEASE call me and we can further discuss (705) 725 0316.

Summer Academy 2013 is in the works and are amazing learning opportunities! These are extremely valuable three day workshops and I encourage you to check them out and attend one that's of your interest over the summer.

Twitter has become a HUGE resource for SCEOT and ETFO with Lisa Mastrobuono tweeting the entire OLRB hearing

almost minute by minute. Truly amazing technology and a definite way to get the fuel into the fire! This is the way of the future and I strongly believe that each of our members should sign up for a Twitter account (I am willing to help) and play around with it to see the mass opportunity of networking and connecting that it brings to your fingertips.

I thank you all for your patience and cooperation as we rode the roller coaster of life these past few months on a learning curve like no other. We have come a long way and I know we will continue to stand together, united! Keep it up!

Yours in Solidarity,

Amy Chevis
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Ways to Communicate

- ✓ (705) 725 0316 (office)
 - ✓ sceot-pres@hotmail.com
- with questions, comments, concerns, etc.

- ✓ sceotnews@gmail.com
- Provides you with an interactive calendar

- ✓ @sceotpres
- ✓ @sceotpd

Twitter and tweet your ideas and thoughts!

- TO REGISTER FOR PD:**
- ✓ Sceotpd@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Environmental Workshop
March 5, 2013
- Addressing Poverty In The Classroom ETFO Workshop
March 25, 2013
- Step Forward with FSL Workshop
April 23, 2012
- Behavioural Interviews Workshop
May 28, 2013
- Annual Meeting
May 15th 5 pm

REGISTER BY EMAILING
sceotpd@hotmail.com

Health & Safety Reminder

Every member has the right and duty under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (section 32) to report aggressive and/or violent behaviours. The form (A4071) is available in every school and can be downloaded from the SCEOT website. Insist on follow up from administration within 3 working days after filing, and notify your Federation immediately if the process does not work to your satisfaction. Of course, notify your Federation immediately in the event you sustain an injury, no matter how minor, as a result of aggressive behaviour. Remember, if you let it happen to you, you guarantee that it will happen to someone else.

The **duty to protect** is everyone's responsibility AND it is the **law in Ontario**.



Simcoe County Elementary Occasional Teachers' Federation

Attention SCEOT women members,

We have been invited to participate in a Women in Action week-end to be held at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. It will begin Friday April 12 at 5 P.M. and will continue through until Sunday April 14 at 1 P.M. This is being presented jointly by S.C.E.T.F., S.C.E.O.T. and the D.E.C.E.'s

The programme is designed to

- * encourage active involvement and leadership of E.T.F. O women members
- * to examine styles of leadership focusing on the strengths women bring to an organization
- * to develop strategies to overcome barriers to women's involvement and plan activities that meet their needs

We have *available space for 6 OTs.*

Please send your *fifty dollar* cheque, made payable to S.C.E.T.F., to **249 Saunders Rd. Unit 3 Barrie Ont. L4N 9A3** with your registration to hold your place by **March 18, 2013.**

EMAIL DATABASE COMPLETE!

If you are not receiving email updates, you need to send your non-board email address to sceotpres@hotmail.com with your name and SCDSB ID#

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN...

- A pair of Blue Jays Tickets
- Go train round trip

Check us out
www.sceot.org

STRIKE PAY— Cheques have been issued for strike pay. If you didn't pick it up at the school, they will be mailed out soon. Any issues? Please call (705) 725 0316 .

Professional Development

March 5, 2013 ~ Teaching Green 4:30-7:30pm

Teaching Green is an after school workshop put on by ETFO that is designed to provide practical strategies, resources and curriculum connections that support environmental education and sustainable practices in the classroom and the community.

Includes an outdoor education component – bring your boots, coats, hats, etc. as you never know what the weather will be like that day

March 25, 2013 ~ Possibilities: Addressing Poverty in Elementary Schools 4:30-7:30pm

Possibilities will provide participants with practical strategies to address the academic and non-academic needs of students and their families experiencing poverty.

The workshop will: Highlight assumptions, biases around poverty; Creative educational approaches; Literature links for classroom learning; Professional development for staff; and Community resources.

***** Includes a free copy of the resource Possibilities *****

April 23, 2013 ~ Step Forward with French 4:30-7:30pm

Helen Donohoe will be here to show us her program Step Forward with French (ETFO Curriculum Award, 2011), which is designed for OTs to be able to step into a daily french call with confidence

***** You will be provided with a free copy of the resource *****

May 28, 2013 ~ Interview Techniques 5-8pm

Four administrators will be here to give us some tricks and techniques to use during your next interview.

Session will include: a resume component; do's and don'ts, and mock interviews. Limited #s!