

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

PEI UPSE Winter Family Fun Day

UPSE continues to support our members employed at Mill River. At a recent meeting with our members they expressed that they would like UPSE to once again hold our *Winter Family Fun Day* at the Rodd Mill River Resort on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

**Registration at noon:
sign in for activities ...**

Swimming

Sleigh Rides

Outdoor Ice Skating

Tobogganing

Cross Country Skiing

**Children's room
activities**

*Please listen
to the radio
in case
of a
storm
cancellation.*



PEI UPSE members and their families enjoy a variety of activities at Mill River during Family Fun Day!

Pizza and pop provided / bonfire in the evening

UPSE has reserved a number of hotel rooms at a discounted rate for members. If you plan to stay for the night call the Rodd Mill River Resort at 902-859-3555.

Please call PEI UPSE by **February 10, 2017** at 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773 if you are planning to attend.

This Bulletin is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, PEI UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at mbarrett@peiupse.ca.

Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

Cancer Benefit for Bruce Horne (February 22, 2017)

A cancer benefit for Bruce Horne, a dedicated UPSE member and Chief Steward of Local 1, will be held at the Elmsdale Community Centre at **7 p.m. on February 22, 2017.**

Bruce has undergone chemotherapy and radiation treatments in Charlottetown, and thoracic surgery in Halifax. He has been off work since September 2016 and is expected to return to work in the spring.

Any donations or money raised will help Bruce with travel costs and any other costs associated with cancer treatments. The benefit will feature an auction, a 50/50 draw, and tickets will be on sale for a gift basket. There will be a canteen and some great local entertainment.



Pic: Bruce is second from left in the back row.

Donations can be made at the credit union #33004-101.

Bargaining Update: Health PEI

The bargaining team has met with the employer over the last two months and continue to make gains on behalf of the membership. All sessions to date have been productive and have allowed both employer and union sides to express their points of view while working toward a final goal of a jointly agreed collective agreement.

Agreement has not been reached at this point on the following issues: Adverse weather, wages, union business and a number of new and additional benefits that were requested by the membership on their proposals. The team continues to work towards further consensus and meetings on January 23rd and 24th were productive and sought further consensus on some issues while working through the more difficult and cost related items at the same time. The team continues to remain positive and is working diligently toward a successful conclusion for the membership.

Call for Vacant Director Positions: Locals 1, 12, 14 and 20

UPSE's Membership Services Committee has issued a call for nominations for vacant Board of Director positions in locals 1, 12, 14 and 20. Nomination forms are available to print on the union's website (www.peiupse.ca), or call UPSE at 902-892-5335, or toll free at 1-800-897-8773.

To be eligible for nomination as a Director a member must:

- *be in good standing for at least the previous twelve months*
- *be nominated by a member in good standing of the applicable local*
- *have completed the Welcome to UPSE or equivalent course*

All nominations must be received at the union office by 4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017. A biography must be included with the nomination form (mandatory).

Upcoming UPSE Educationals

UPSE is creating a list for upcoming educationals: **Welcome to UPSE, Steward Level I and Steward Level II.** Please contact the union to express interest at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or e-mail peiupse@peiupse.ca