



# News

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## Class Action

(Affecting Home Care Program workers in OMERS in 1997 who were transferred to CCACs and HOOPP and who were members of AAHP:O, OPSEU, ONA, CIPP, or CUPE and became OPSEU members following a PSLRTA vote)

We are pleased to provide you with an update on the class action suit filed by Sue McSheffrey on behalf of OPSEU members whose employment was transferred from municipal and private employers in the home care/community health care sector to CCACs in 1996/1997. The parties to the class action will be proceeding to court this November to obtain the Court's approval of a settlement reached with the Government in this matter. Justice Cullity, the Honourable Justice who certified the McSheffrey class, has retired. The Honourable Justice Horkins will hear this matter in November. Details of the proposed settlement will be posted on the following websites: [www.CCACclassaction.com](http://www.CCACclassaction.com); [www.upflaw.ca](http://www.upflaw.ca); and [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org).

Over the next few weeks, notices will be mailed and emailed out to potential class members. You may also see advertisements in your local newspapers and on OPSEU's website. More information about the class action and upcoming steps may be found at [www.CCACclassaction.com](http://www.CCACclassaction.com). You may also contact Cheri Hearty, OPSEU Benefits Counsellor, at [chearty@opseu.org](mailto:chearty@opseu.org).

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Community Treatment Centres  
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Congratulations to Rick Janson for winning the Best Web Content Nationally for Diablogue at the Canadian Association of Labour Media conference.



So long farewell.....Goodbye and thank you to Julia Watts, our Education Rep. who resigned as a Physiotherapist with Carefor in Ottawa. Julia has been a member of the sector executive since 2005 and was the Unit Steward for Carefor one of the units in local 4101.

We thank Julia for her leadership service to the union and wish her well in the future.



<http://opseudiablogue.wordpress.com/>

Check out this site run by OPSEU with up to date issues in the health care field. Rick Janson, OPSEU communications, is always looking for stories to publish. He can be contacted at [rjanson@opseu.org](mailto:rjanson@opseu.org)

## OPSEU Scholarships

OPSEU offers many scholarships for our children pursuing post secondary education. The page can be found at <http://www.opseu.org/notices/opseuscholar.htm>

## Hello Kingston!



Back: L to R Louise Mulligan –Roy; chair, Bev Bacon, Suzanne Galaway,  
Front: Morgan Veres, Lucy Morton, Tamara Lesik, Julia Watts, Shari Greenhorn, Sue McSheffrey

The Sector executive met May 28 & 29 in Kingston. This is part of the outreach initiative to meet our sector leaders in person. The presidents or unit stewards of the Kingston area locals were invited to a very productive session with the executive. Pictured above is the executive with the presidents of local 452 Bev Bacon, Local 327 Suzanne Galaway and local 452 Mary Helen Garsch. They participated in the discussion and were able to share the issues from their work sites.

Planning has started on the education component of the next Broader Public Sector conference in June 2013. The topic will be “Your car as your work site” and will focus on the health and safety legislation of using your car for work and some of the unique challenges we face in working out in the community.

## Organizing:

OPSEU is actively organizing in our sector—many community health care providers are non union and work with no job protection. If you hear of a group that would like to know more about joining a union please call Lois Boggs in the organizing department 1-800-267- 7276

## Want a visit?

Members of the Sector Executive are happy to come to a unit or local meeting to talk about what we do and what is happening in the sector. Contact us via



Once a year the 7 sectors within health care get together for a plenary session organized by the Health Care Divisional Council. This year they met in February and had a very informative session on pensions given by OPSEU’s senior Benefits Officer, Diana Clarke. This session was very interesting and explained the differences between defined contribution and defined benefit, the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security. It also gave tools to use when people

argue against our pension plans. The presentation is being delivered across the OPSEU regions. You should check with your Executive Board Members to see if there is one scheduled in your area.

Pictured below are the members of the Health Care sectors after the plenary. On the front row are the sector chairs who form the Health Care Divisional Council

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