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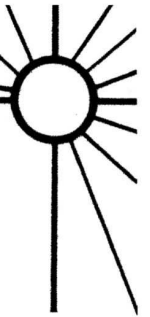
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# Halton Hilites

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*Wishing you a Happy, Holy and Restful Holiday!*

# UNIT EXECUTIVE GOALS FOR 2009-2010

- a) To promote Catholic Education in Halton;
- b) To maintain our >Partnership in Catholic Education=;
- c) To ensure that our Collective Agreement is administered with procedural fairness for all members:  
Procedural Fairness:
  - 1) timely and sufficient notice
  - 2) reason(s) for the decision, and
  - 3) an opportunity to be heard
- d) To promote assistance programs available locally and provincially;
- e) To continue to take relevant and appropriate issues to the Labour Management Committee;
- f) To promote quality education by supporting our members while they upgrade their skills and expertise through Professional Development programs and activities;
- g) To continue to support Executive activities;
- h) That the Board=s budget be monitored to ensure that:
  - a) The expenditures adequately reflect the Board=s accordance with the Education Act and Regulations made thereunder, and;
  - b) Grant acquisitions are expensed and allocated in compliance with the directives from the Ministry of Education.
- i) That our teachers are “harassment free” as per Board Policy.
- j) That the new P.D.T.:P.D. Fund is fully implemented and accessible to every teacher.

## A 10-STEP PLAN FOR 2010

### THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL PEACE OF MIND ACCORDING TO “THE WEALTHY BARBER”:

1. Make maximum tax-deductible contributions to a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) each year. For your retirement income, select lower-risk investments.
2. Invest 10 percent of net income to become wealthy. This money should be invested for long-term growth.
3. Buy mutual funds, not individual stocks. They provide professional management and diversification.
4. Make a will.
5. Buy enough life insurance to adequately protect your dependents.
6. Buy adequate disability insurance. A 30 year old has a one-in-four chance of being disabled for a year or more.
7. Real estate is NOT always a good investment. People who do buy homes should not overextend themselves. Make as large a mortgage payment as possible each month, which will dramatically reduce the amount of interest that will have to be paid.
8. Don’t abuse credit cards.
9. Use tax planning instruments such as spousal R.R.S.P.’s, the capital gains exemption and income splitting to reduce taxes.
10. Learn for yourself. Nobody cares as much about your money as you do.

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

INFO ‘HOT LINE’ (905) 632-7916

### E.A.P. SERVICE PROVIDERS

- > Eileen Beltzner (Oakville)
- > Andrew Dellio (Ancaster)
- > Cara Grosset (Hamilton)
- > Catholic Family Services (Hamilton)
- > Debra Cavanagh (Burlington)
- > Jim Harkins (Oakville)
- > Liz Hopkins (Milton)
- > David Smith (Hamilton)
- > Martin Smith (Burlington)
- > Bayridge Family Centre (Burlington)

# TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010  
**WHERE:** O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office  
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**COST:** \$20.00 Per Player (entire amount goes to the pot)  
**CONTACT:** Send cheques to: Brian MacDonald, Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 O.E.C.T.A., Halton Elementary Unit Office



## STAFF/C.B.C. REP. MEETING #2



**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010  
**WHERE:** Halton Elementary Unit Office  
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**GUEST:** Reno Melatti, O.T.F.  
**TOPICS:** New Pension changes



## FALLS VIEW CASINO NIAGARA



**WHEN:** FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010  
**WHERE:** Falls View Casino Niagara  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. (Bus leaves Unit Office)  
**COST:** \$10.00 deposit (Refundable at door)  
 (Refreshments & Food on the bus)  
Make cheque payable to:  
 OECTA Social Committee  
Mail cheque/cash to:  
 Mary Jean Monte  
 c/o Halton Elementary Unit Office, Burlington



## OECTA HEALTH & SAFETY MTG. #2

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010  
**WHERE:** O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office  
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**GUESTS:** Theresa Davis, Senior Administrator, H.C.D.S.B.  
 Ross Baptista, Health & Safety Officer, H.C.D.S.B.



## PRESIDENT'S FORUM



..... LEST WE FORGET JANUARY 2010 .....

- COLLEGE OF TEACHERS FEE DEDUCTED (TWO PAYS) - \$60.00 EACH
- YOUR TEACHER PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS INCREASE
- YOUR EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DEDUCTION BEGINS AGAIN
- YOUR CANADA PENSION PLAN DEDUCTION BEGINS AGAIN

Merry Christmas



# CONFERENCE CORNER

When Faith Meets Pedagogy	October 22-24, 2009	Marisa Ciallella Pellegrini
When Faith Meets Pedagogy	October 22-24, 2009	Monika Rattray
When Faith Meets Pedagogy	October 22-24, 2009	Joanne McKay
AIM: FSL Workshop	November 7, 2009	Deanna Monter
CODE Council of Ontario Drama	October 23-25, 2009	Brooke Zutt

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting #4	December 10, 2009 4:30 p.m.	O.E.C.T.A. Office
Unit Executive Xmas Dinner	December 11, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Burlington

# AROUND HALTON

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the following members, as well as to their family and friends:

- Frances Giannetti (Holy Rosary, B) on the passing of her mother, Barbara Giannetti, on November 25, 2009.
- Mary Gear (St. Gabriel) and Judy Jewitt (retired Secondary teacher) on the passing of their mother, Bertha Sheahan, on November 25, 2009.
- Kelly Yurgan (St. Marguerite) and Ivan Yurgan (Assumption Secondary) on the passing of their father-in-law/father, Ivan Yurgan Sr., on November 8, 2009.
- Angela Casera (Larocque) (Our Lady of Victory) on the passing of her mother, Celestina Casera, on October 29, 2009.
- Ramona Henderson (St. Brigid) on the passing of her father, Walter John Smith, on October 23, 2009.

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Congratulations to the families and friends of the following members who experienced the joy of childbirth:

- Renata Mayer (St. Andrew) and husband Natanael, on the birth of their daughter, Ana Katarina, born on October 20, 2009, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

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# FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009**



Justin Brens  
Clerio Fuciarelli  
Annalise Sofia-Starr  
Mike Starr  
Paul Wisniewski



Special thanks to Paul Wisniewski, St. Gabriel School, for chairing and organizing this very popular tournament and to St. Timothy's School for hosting this event each year!

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