

CBTU Newsletter – June 2014

The Chapter's next meeting will be held June 9, 2014 at the OFL, 15 Gervais Drive at 6:30pm. More topics will be discussed at the meeting. Below are general items that may be of interest. Enjoy!

Topics:

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1. Teaching Black History Summer Institute 2014

I am pleased to offer two full days of learning designed to enhance classroom practice and student learning through the incorporation of the Black Canadian narrative.

The institute encourages “learning” and “doing” African Canadian history. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop new lesson plans using the content covered to the session to meet the expectation in the revised SSHG curriculum or add to existing lesson plans and units.

The two-day institute will take place at the Comfort Hotel, 445 Rexdale Blvd.

Please see the web link below for the topics to be covered and more information.

<http://teachingafricancanadianhistory.weebly.com/events.html>

Registration deadlines:

Session #1 – Wednesday, July 2nd

Session #2 – Friday, August 8th

Kindly circulate to your networks.

2. Stop Hudak, Vote Barriffe

The CBTU Ontario Canada Chapter calls upon our members and allies within the labour movement and community to Stop Hudak, and vote for Nigel Barriffe, NDP Candidate for Etobicoke North on June 12.

CBTU takes pride in our association with his campaign to "Build Home" by creating a strong and caring community, where families in Etobicoke North can feel safe and secure.

Make the mark to make a difference: on June 12th vote Nigel Barriffe

<http://www.nigelbarriffe.com/>

<http://cbtu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Endorsement-Barriffe.pdf>

Labour seeks to stop Hudak:

http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2014/05/29/anyone_but_tim_hudak_for_ontario_premier.html

3. CBTU International Convention Report

The CBTU held its 43rd International Convention in Atlanta, GA, USA from May 21 – 26, 2014. The theme of the convention was "Working Together—It Shall Come to Pass". The Ontario Canada Chapter had a strong impact on the convention, submitting 10 resolutions that were all passed by the delegation on a myriad of topics including women's work life balance and support for the Ikea boycott, and a constitutional change that created an Under 40 Standing Committee at the International level.

Guest speakers from Canada included Fred Hahn, President of CUPE Ontario, and Marie Clarke Walker, EVP of the CLC. Three Chapter members were elected to the CBTU International Executive Council: Yolanda McClean, Isabelle Miller, and Christopher Wilson. During the awards banquet, Chapter member Isabelle Miller was presented with the "Rising Star" Award, for her work at CBTU and particularly on the Under 40 committee.

A full discussion on the convention will be held at the next Chapter meeting on June 9th, 2014. Pictures from the convention shall be posted on the www.cbtu.ca Web site later this month.

4. Research Study on Racial Profiling of Women in the African Canadian Community

Are you a Black woman who has experienced racial profiling because of your race, religion or place of origin?

If so, we would like to talk to you. Researchers from Ryerson University are conducting a study on women's experiences with racial profiling by:

- police or security guards
- border officials
- child welfare authorities
- social assistance authorities
- other authorities or government institutions

We would like to conduct a confidential, private interview with you about your experiences. The interview will take about 45 minutes, and can be arranged at a place and time convenient for you. You will receive \$20, plus 2 TTC tokens.

The African Canadian Legal Clinic is in support of this research. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about this study, please call Tammy Landau at 416-979-5000 extension 6198.

This study has been approved by the Ethics Review Board of Ryerson University.

5. UFCW Canada's Summer Splash

A big thank you to Winston Gordon, who has sent tickets to our Chapter for three tables of 10 to the UFCW Canada's Summer Splash event! We need 30 CBTU members to fill those tables to support our CBTU brothers and sisters at UFCW. Please send your email to cbtuontario@gmail.com and write UFCW Ticket Request in the subject line. We will pass on your interest for tickets.

Donation will be sent to UFCW Canada Local 206.

The event takes place Saturday, July 12, 2014 at St Clement of Ohrid Banquet Hall, 76 Overlea Blvd, Toronto, Ontario.

6. CBTU Participation in World Pride June 29

On Sunday June 29, Toronto will be hosting the World Pride Parade. Our Chapter put forward a resolution that passed at the International CBTU Convention to seek participation of all CBTU members in the parade. The parade begins at 1 p.m. Annual Pride Parade Marchers gather at Bloor Street East & Church Street to Jarvis Intersection. Labour will march together in one section. Look for the CLC, OFL, and Toronto Labour Council banners and flags. Marchers are asked to gather at 12:45 p.m. Floats are gathering on Rosedale Valley Road and will be folded into the labour section.

7. Racial Justice Report Card

RACIAL JUSTICE REPORT CARD SHOWS PROVINCIAL PARTIES NEED TO DO MORE TO ADDRESS RACIAL INEQUITIES

The Colour of Poverty Campaign – Colour of Change Network (COP-COC) is releasing its 2014 Racial Justice Report Card for Ontario which scores the three main Ontario political parties on their records and campaign platforms with respect to issues affecting racialized communities.

Any political party who wants to form the next Government of Ontario must make clear their policy positions with respect to these and other matters that have the greatest impact on the lives of immigrants and refugees as well as members of Ontario's ethno-racially diverse communities. COP-COC calls on all political leaders to take concrete steps to address racialized exclusion and marginalization that exist in Ontario today.

Since the last election in 2011 when COP-COC released the first Racial Justice Report Card for Ontario, there has been some improvement in certain areas. But racialized communities continue to experience higher rates of poverty, homelessness, and health inequities, while having greater difficulties accessing justice and human rights system to address discrimination. None of the parties have demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues facing racialized communities (First Peoples and peoples of colour) in Ontario. Based on their performance since the last provincial election, COP-COC gave the parties the following grades:

Liberals: B- NDP: C- PC: F

“In this election, issues such as human rights, racial profiling and legal aid have largely been ignored by all three parties,” said Margaret Parsons, Executive Director of African Canadian Legal Clinic. “While there has been some new investment in the legal aid system, it is nowhere near enough to make the system sustainable. As racialized communities are over-represented among the poor, they look to the Government to ensure they have equal access to justice,” added Parsons.

To read the full Report Card, please go to: <http://mtcsalc.org/en/what-s-new/>

For further information, please contact:

Avvy Go, Metro Toronto Chinese & South East Asian Legal Clinic at (416) 971-9674

8. Save This Date - United Achievers' CLUB - 30th Scholarship & Recognition Awards - September 20 - Response appreciated

The United Achievers' Club invites you to its 30th Annual Scholarship and Recognition Awards Dinner on:

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 TIME: 6:00 PM (Cocktails); 7:00 PM Dinner

PLACE: Courtyard by Marriot Hotel , 90 Biscayne Crescent, Brampton

The KEYNOTE SPEAKER is Dr. Catherine Chandler-Crichlow, Executive Director, Centre of Excellence in Financial Services Education.

NB: Information on Dr. Chandler-Crichlow may be found at the link at http://www.conferenceboard.ca/Libraries/EDUC_PUBLIC/WO-2012_Catherine_Chandler_Crichlow_speaker_bio.sflb

Please mark this date on your calendars.

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9. Diversity Article Link

http://o.canada.com/news/male-pale-and-stale-which-partys-candidates-are-actually-the-most-diverse#.U4TpdX_Z7y8.email

10. UFCW CANADA Joins Allies For "UNIONS MATTER" Book Launch

A UFCW Canada Human Rights Department Release

Toronto – May 23, 2014 – UFCW Canada activists recently joined allies and social justice advocates for the launch of *Unions Matter: Advancing Democracy, Economic Equality and Social Justice* — a new book that documents how unions are critical to reducing income inequality and improving the lives of everyday Canadians.

The book is a collection of essays by some of Canada's leading thinkers whose analysis and evidence make clear the connection between unions and strong labour rights, and their fundamental role in achieving economic equality, democracy, and the social well-being of all citizens.

The book is based on the successful international conference, *Labour Rights and Their Impact on Democracy, Economic Equality and Social Justice* held in Toronto in March 2013. The conference was sponsored by UFCW Canada, the Canadian Foundation for Labour Rights (CFLR), the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF). As a founding CFLR member, UFCW Canada has continued to work closely with its allies to develop a public discourse on the value of the labor movement in achieving economic equality and social justice.

"We are proud in raising awareness of how unions work every day to make a better and more just Canada," says UFCW Canada National President Paul Meinema. "Throughout Canadian history, unions have proven that together fairness works. It is a message that is more relevant than ever in fighting back against the ultra-conservative, anti-worker movement behind the rise in economic inequality."

Contributors to *Unions Matter* include Steven Barrett, Paul Cavalluzzo, Paul Champ, James Clancy, Nathalie Des Rosiers, Fay Faraday, Derek Fudge, John Hendy, Michael Lynk, Benjamin Oliphant, Lars Osberg, Garry Sran, Adrienne Telford, Eric Tucker, Armine Yalnizyan, and UFCW Canada's general counsel and director of human rights, Naveen Mehta.

"History shows that only when everyday people come together in collective action can democracy and social justice be realized," explains Brother Mehta. "This is the role of the labor movement as an engine of fairness, economic equality, and positive social change."

Unions Matter: Advancing Democracy, Economic Equality and Social Justice is available for purchase [online](#).