

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 8, 2008. Total proceeds of \$61,995.00 was donated to the United Way of London, Middlesex.



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Last month, our newsletter mentioned the Martin Building Maintenance Labour Board decision that decided the company had violated the Labour Relations Act and our members' rights. Since then, we overwhelmingly won the vote of the employees at the Woodstock Toyota Plant to be represented by Local 1059.

We poured the foundation the last week in August for the expansion of our offices.

Our apprentices have been busy building the Naomi Almeida Skate Board Park in London.

A recent organizing blitz in the St. Thomas/Tillsonburg/Woodstock area has seen a number of new applications for certifications. The blitz was supported by a number of organizers from around the province along with our three Local 1059-based organizers.

Locals 837, 1059 and 1081 have been in a legal strike position with Brantco Construction, a Cambridge-based asphalt paving company. We have effectively stopped them from working in our area for the last two months with help from our members on picket lines. In addition, Local 1081 decided to also strike them in their area. Other locals including Local 1059 sent business reps and members to Cambridge projects the last week of August to support the picket lines. Local 1081 could not, or was unable to, conduct the strike/picketing on its own.

The Federal Conservative Party has called an unneeded election to try and preserve their minority government. They have been no friends of labour and working families of Canada.

Local 1059 has endorsed the Liberal candidates in our area as we believe they will best address our issues.



*Jim MacKinnon,
Business Manager*

ALMEIDA SKATE BOARD PARK

Naiomi Almeida was the young daughter of Aurelio Almeida. Aurelio is a member of Local 1059. Naiomi was abducted from their home in 2001 and her life was tragically taken from her.

The skateboard park will be named in her memory. The City of London is paying for the cost of most of the materials and Local 1059 has committed to perform all the labour and supply the equipment to construct the park.



*Working Together
To Improve Our Park*



Together we can make a difference



LABOURERS' BIG WIN

The employees of Martin Building Maintenance voted in crushing numbers to be represented by Local 1059 in bargaining. 16 to 3 in favour!

The new bargaining unit will cover all Martins employees at the Woodstock Toyota Plant and should reach between 80 and 110 employees.

Irena Nowicki and Maria McFadden our non-construction business representatives are looking forward to negotiating the first collective agreement and representing these new members.



Irena Nowicki

Maria McFadden

IN MEMORIAM

Alberto DeAlmeida Deceased: August 21, 2008

Mr. DeAlmeida was a member of Local 1059 from 1971 until 2002

GLEN PEARSON

With the election finally called, I appreciate the solid support from the great members of Labourers' Local 1059

These have been difficult months and the challenges faced by skilled workers in numerous industries is under siege. Despite numerous attempts by all the opposition parties to leverage the funds and legislation required to both enhance and protect employment in the industry, the present Conservative government has remained aloof, refusing to invest where it's most needed. As part of our manufacturing committee in the Liberal Party, I have been able to both learn of the special challenges faced at the moment and also to push for the kind of federal assistance required to make sure that a skilled workforce can propel this country into a more prosperous future.

As many of you know, I have been part a labor union for my entire adult life and I will continue to build upon the rights, responsibilities and opportunities that have been so well established in our labour community. As I seek to take the fight to Ottawa, I thank you again for your ongoing support.

Glen Pearson,
Member of Parliament,
London North Centre



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London North*

JACQUIE GAUTHIER

Radio morning host enters political arena

A familiar voice in London is set to become a familiar face as well. Radio morning host Jacquie Gauthier has thrown her hat into the political ring as the federal Liberal candidate for London-Fanshawe in a bid to serve as the riding's next representative in Ottawa.

Since she moved to London 16 years ago, Gauthier has donated her time and talents to many charitable organizations including the United Way, Children's Hospital, the Arthritis Society, the Alzheimer's Society and Women's Community House. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Make a Wish Foundation, Hospice of London, Aids Committee of London and Bethany's Hope Foundation.

"As a London resident with a long history of community service, I'm committed to the issues that are important to Londoners," says Gauthier. "I want to help newcomers integrate into our community, ensure that families have access to excellent, affordable childcare and work for improvements to our healthcare system."

Gauthier is particularly passionate about issues pertaining to Immigration, universal childcare and the environment. She believes in creating a stronger Canada by helping foreign-trained professionals to move quickly into the kind of work they have been trained for. Gauthier also believes that by encouraging investment in green technology, we can improve both the economy and the environment.

"It's an honour for me to be part of the Liberal team," says Gauthier. "I truly believe we are the only Party with the vision to create a strong and environmentally-sustainable economy, restore Canada's proud global reputation and invest in the social programs that support and protect all Canadians."

You can learn more about Jacquie Gauthier at www.jacquiegauthier.liberal.ca



*Jacquie Gauthier,
Liberal candidate for
London-Fanshawe*

TRAINING CORNER

Safety Training

As Fall approaches, please refer to the mandatory safety training chart below and sign up for any safety certification classes that you require. Signing up now will allow you to upgrade during the slower working times we typically experience during the Winter months.

	MANDATORY TRAINING COURSES						
	PROPANE	HOISTING & RIGGING	FALL PROTECTION	CONFINED SPACE	FIRST AID & C.P.R.	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LEGISLATION
COURSE DURATION	4 HOURS	4 HOURS	4 HOURS	4 HOURS	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 HOURS
LIMITATIONS	3 YR EXPIRY	NO EXPIRY	NO EXPIRY	NO EXPIRY	3 YR EXPIRY	NO EXPIRY	NO EXPIRY
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS	SEWER & WATERMAIN	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
	CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
	ROADS/ASPHALT PAVING	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
	CONCRETE FORMING	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
	UTILITIES	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
	I.C.I./MASONRY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

If you are in need of one of these tickets, or are interested in taking a certification course to expand your skill set, please call the Training Centre at 519.455.5299 and have your name put on the next class list.

Advance Level CCW Class

The Advanced level CCW class currently in trade school has been very busy. In addition to training at the Centre, we are involved in two hands-on jobsites. The first is the addition to the administration offices at 56 Firestone Blvd. To date, they have completed excavation, re-routed services, poured footings, installed re-bar and poured foundation walls. Secondly, they have been assisting in the construction of the new Naomi Almeida community skateboard park on Devron Crescent. Stay tuned for more pictures as these jobs progress toward completion. (Shown below.)

All apprentices are reminded and urged to complete the requirements of their contract of apprenticeship by writing the provincial CCW exam. To date, we have had excellent results with our member apprentices passing the exam 96 per cent of the time. If your require assistance in this regard, please contact the Training Centre @ 519 455-5299

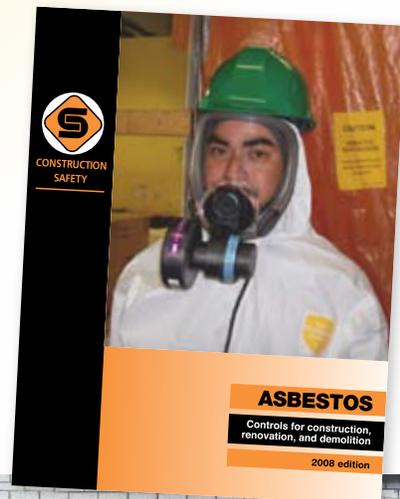
Asbestos: Demolition/ Renovation Work

Before starting work on a demolition or renovation job, the owner of the structure must complete a report indicating whether any asbestos-containing material is likely to be handled, dealt with, disturbed, or removed.

This report must include drawings, plans, and specifications as appropriate. If you're doing a demolition or renovation project and you haven't received this Owner's Report, ask for it. Depending on the type of asbestos present, a certified asbestos removal worker may be required to do the job.

Go to www.csa.org/images/pfiles/328_DS037.pdf to download

Asbestos: Controls for Construction, Demolition, and Renovation. This handbook will tell you what you need to know about asbestos and how to protect yourself and your workers.



TRAINING CORNER (CONT'D)

Demolition: Mol's August Blitz

During August, the Ministry of Labour will target its enforcement efforts on demolition and renovation work. The MOL's inspectors will visit selected demolition and renovation sites throughout the province looking at things such as fall hazards, electrical hazards, and heavy equipment use.

In addition, inspectors will pay particular attention to exposures to chemical and biological agents such as asbestos, lead, mercury, animal and human waste, and mould.

"Inspectors will review documentation on designated substances and controlled products found at projects", says Dr. Maurice Bitran, head of the MOL's Occupational Health and Safety Branch. "On buildings constructed prior to 1975, inspectors will look for the presence of asbestos and whether it has been removed during the course of the project or whether it was not present prior to the start", says Bitran.

Each is available at www.csa.o.org as a free download. Just go to the Products section and search either by title or by product code. Make sure everyone on your site knows the signals they need in order to do their job safely.

Information provided by the Construction Safety Association of Ontario

Know Your Hand Signals: Free Downloads

When working with heavy equipment, having a signaller and ensuring everyone knows the proper signals can save lives.

CSAO has developed the following one-page signal sheets for quick reference to help make sure signallers and heavy equipment operators know the proper hand signals for the type of work they are doing.

- Concrete Pumping Hand Signals (W010)
- Pendant Crane Hand Signals (W011)
- Pile Driving Hand Signals (W012)
- Ready Mix Driver Hand Signals (W013)
- Excavator Hand Signals (V015)
- Traffic Hand Signals (V006)
- Hoisting Operations Hand Signals (V002)

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IDEAS FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER?

Do you have questions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have a story or member focus idea you think would be of interest to Local 1059 members? Please let us know. Email Dawn at dmarkowski@liuna1059.ca, or call the office.



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