



**Our first Local 4422 Spring "Hawaiian Themed" dance was a great success and enjoyed by all members. All proceeds made at this event went to the Moore Family in their time of need. Pictured here left, Val Dudman and Karen Thoburn working tickets sales, and right is Colleen Moore enjoying the Hawaii Theme!!**



**Corrie Lee, President of CUPE local 4422**

Hello there Brothers and Sisters of our proud local 4422!!

Finally Spring seems to be slowly peeking its head around the corner. I hope this finds all our members well. A few things I wanted to bring forth this issue is, I am so proud of all the executives and volunteers that helped to put together a wonderful dance for a sister in need. Other than the weather, a winter storm record, that night was a success with a great turn out of supporters and friends to help our cause and to rip up the dance floor!!

Our members approved the change in bylaws at our last meeting which includes a Vice President for McLaughlin Rd. as well as Mary St. The changes did not include the rumour of "experience required only" for members to join the executive of the local, these positions are voted on by members from each location and training will be provided for each new member to the executive. We have conducted our nominations for all positions, and are happy to report some new faces to our executive board. I hope once elections are over this month we will have all the positions filled and can start out our plans and goals to be reached in the next 2 years of office.

As a goal, I set forth to the union; I plan to strengthen our local with education and with a strong sense of solidarity. In the following month watch the union boards for meetings and dates and please bring forth any questions, concerns and/or ideas.

Thank you and In Solidarity, Corrie

**\*\*Nominations and Election Results to Show in Next Newsletter for April, 2008**



**Charlotte Drinkwalter, Vice-President of CUPE local 4422**

Hello there membership of Local 4422!!

I am so excited to be standing as your Vice President for Mary St this term of our Union Local. My goals are to increase awareness of the lack of funding from the government to our elderly and the increasing demand for more hours on our front line. I feel that our jobs are important for the spiritual, physical and physiological well being of elderly that depend on us for care. I believe that we do not work in a factory and that our elderly should not be treated as a timed product, care needs are different for each person, it is not something that should be clocked or weighed by a stripe of blue (diapers). I will continue the fight for the increase in nursing hours to 3.5hrs of care for each resident, as promised by the current Liberal government. Keep an eye on the Union boards for upcoming rallies to stress this point!!! In Solidarity, Charlotte Drinkwalter



**Holly Gilbert, Health and Safety Rep. for McLaughlin Rd.**

Hello there fellow members of Local 4422, I would like to say how proud I am of each home by pulling together to show their support and solidarity for Sister Colleen Moore and her family. It was a great turnout even with the bad snow storm. I would like to thank all of the reps for their time and efforts; we really make a great team!! Who knew that two homes could come together and work as one united force so effectively!! On a health and safety note, I would like to welcome Sister Rose Watson to the team as your new health and safety Rep. for McL. Rd., please anyone interested in joining the Joint Health and Safety Committee come see myself or Rose.



**Karen Thoburn, Chief Steward of General Population for Mc Laughlin Rd.**

I want to first thank Colleen's sister for the donation of the great pics for our newsletter!! I would also like to thank everyone who gave their support in the benefit dance that Local 4422 put on for our own McLaughlin member Colleen Moore, to help raise money to help her family, as her home had burnt down early in the year. A special thanks to our execs and reps for coming together as one united force to make a difference in a members life again. So proud to be a part of the Sunshine Fund Rep, In solidarity, Karen



**Valarie Dudman, Chief Steward of Registered Population for Mary st.**

Hello members of local 4422!! I have started the SOCIAL CLUB off for this year with 50/50 draws again, the money goes towards events and future draws. Please look to the union board for upcoming SOCIAL events, please come to the local meetings with suggestions of things you would like to do or plan. There will be a monthly draw of a name from seniority lists of each location to win a gift certificate, drawn at the locals meeting. Look for sign up sheets on the union board for choices of gym memberships to Spectrum or the Lindsay Rec Centre. The place with the most requests will be the one the Union uses for the discounted rate for members interested. Giving great events in the future to get out of the "stress of the workplace" and to have fun together, Your Social Club Rep. Valarie

