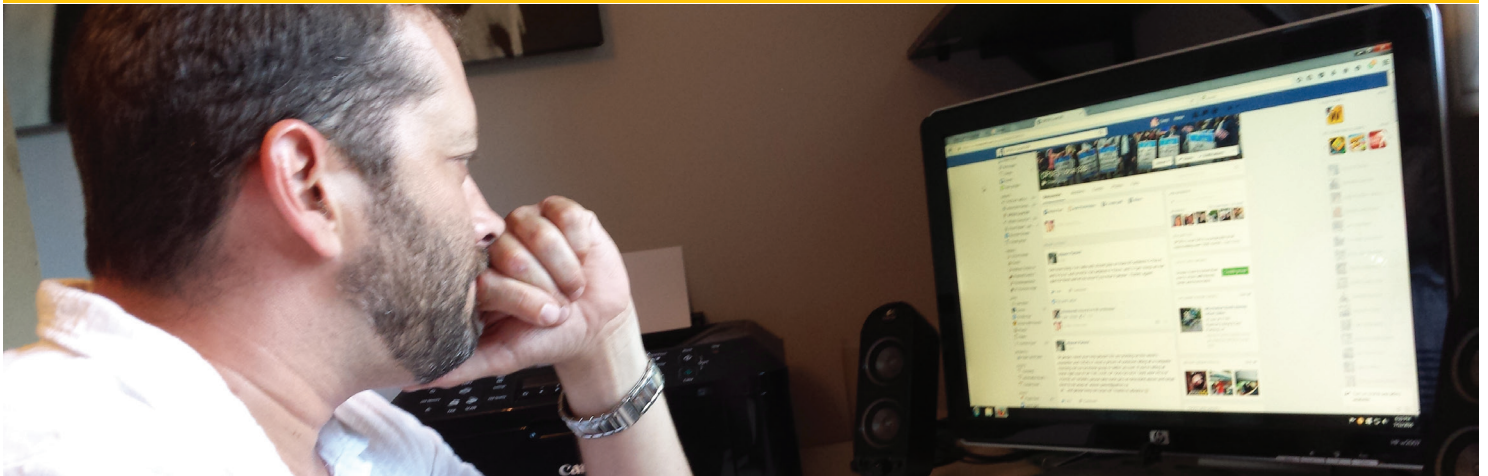


# Local 329 Buzz

## KEEPING MEMBERS UNITED

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## Message to members

Social media can be a wonderful thing, especially in a situation like ours. Within seconds your message can reach an incredible amount of people across the world. In our case, it has been beneficial for many reasons.

We have recently started a local Twitter account (@opseulocal329), which has allowed us to reach more of our members and others we feel should know about our struggle. Twitter allows us to reach members of parliament, community members, brothers and sisters from other locals, and many more people who can help us share our message.

The local also has a private Facebook group (OPSEU Local 329). Facebook gives us another way of staying in touch with members and keeping you informed.

If you don't already have accounts for Twitter or Facebook, please sign up for them. We need to take advantage of the opportunities of social media to get our message out there and have our voices heard.

In Solidarity,

Pete Sheehan, President Local 329

## We need security on all wards

Many people are surprised when they hear that nurses at Waypoint also act as security guards. Right now, the nurses are involved in performing room extractions, restraining patients and responding to codes in the event of a patient-on-staff attack.

This has to change. Waypoint needs to hire trained security personnel on the wards to

protect all staff and their patients. These staff members would be similar to those in previous Group III positions, whose main focus was security.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board recently determined there is a place for security staff on a health care team. It issued an order that Brockville Mental Health Centre maintain a

24-hour onsite security presence. Security officers at the facility will be assigned to provide preventive or emergency help, patrol the

perimeter and monitor cameras. We need a similar plan for Waypoint and we need it now.

## Health and Safety matters

Have you looked at the health and safety board in your work area lately?

Waypoint must post all written orders and recommendations issued by the Ministry of Labour on the health and safety boards throughout Waypoint. The latest orders resulted from the attack on April 5, 2016. Check them out for yourself.

Please make it a habit to read all reports and orders. In the event you become aware of a situation, incident or a health and safety hazard that may not be in compliance of any current or past order, it is crucial that you to report it to

your Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) members and/or union.

Together we can make this a safer workplace!

### Your Health and Safety committee:

- Gary Fisch
- Josh Holden
- Steve Hoy
- Maribel Sanqui
- Pete Sheehan
- Dave Vajda
- Joan Wood



## Save the date!

We are hosting solidarity BBQs for members and their immediate families at Rotary Park in Penetanguishene, under the pavilions near the splash pad. Don't forget to mark the following dates in your calendars:

**Saturday, August 6, 2016**

**Saturday, August 27, 2016.**

Stay tuned for more details!

### Your Campaign Team:

- Pete Sheehan
- Alyson Parent
- Kevin Rawson
- Brandon Ramjitsingh
- Kathy Teeter
- Dave Vajda



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