



Local 329 Buzz

KEEPING MEMBERS UNITED

News and Information for OPSEU Local 329

October Issue

Message to our members

We would like to thank everyone who came out to our General Membership meeting September 27th. Fortunately, we just barely had enough people come to make quorum. Reaching quorum has been an ongoing issue, so the LEC decided, that in order to try and encourage our members to attend meetings, to give away a \$1200 travel voucher at the end of 2016. Although we were successful in achieving quorum for all three meetings we held, attendance is still very poor, and this needs to change.

For those of you who may not be aware, General Membership meetings are typically only held twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall (with the exception of emergency meetings that will be called when necessary).

If we can't reach quorum for the meetings, we can't conduct business, such as, reviewing/revising our local by-laws, electing Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary), electing member to attend Regional conferences, meetings and Convention, election our bargaining team members, and if we don't elect them we can't bargain for a new contract.

Meetings are also held for information sharing. They provide an opportunity for not only us to share information with you, but for you to share your thoughts and concerns with us and other members. It's a time for us to try to work collectively as union brothers and sisters to reach our goals! We've said it a thousand times and we'll say it a thousand more.....***We will be successful in our fight if we stand united!***

Health and safety matters

The health and safety teams were out across the hospital Monday, October 3rd, going over the risk assessments that were completed in the spring. This was done as a follow-up to see how things are coming along. It was the first step in making sure that concerns that staff made are being addressed. Thank you to all who took time to talk with health and safety committee during our rounds.

As members were informed, if you have any concerns, please let a member of the health and safety

committee know so they can follow-up and hopefully address the issue(s).

Thank you to all members who are continuously taking the time and making an effort to notify management, the health and safety committee co-chairs and union of issues, and for filing complaints when necessary, about health and safety hazards in our workplace. Without you, many of these issues would go unreported and could potentially result in serious injuries to staff, patients or visitors.

Upcoming events

October 3 – 7 is Food Service Appreciation Week.

Big thank you to our Food Service Department workers for everything you do!

Email distribution list blitz

Have you signed up for our new email distribution list yet? If not that's ok! We will be doing a sign-up blitz over the next couple months. For those of you who

don't want to miss out on anything in the meantime, you can go to our website, opseulocal329.ca, and sign up now!

Don't forget to submit your puzzle!

Every month we will include a puzzle that members can complete and submit for a chance to win a prize.

Just a friendly reminder that this is not work related and it should only be completed on your own time or while on break.

Winners from September puzzle

Due to the short turnover between our September and October newsletters, winners from the September puzzle, along with

those from the October puzzle, will be announced in our November issue.

We want to hear from you

Do you have any suggestions for newsletter content? Do you have a recipe you want to share? If so,

please send it to us via the "contact us" link on our website or email it to alyson.parent@yahoo.ca.

Cheesecake Pumpkin Pie

(recipe from Simple Recipes)



Ingredients:

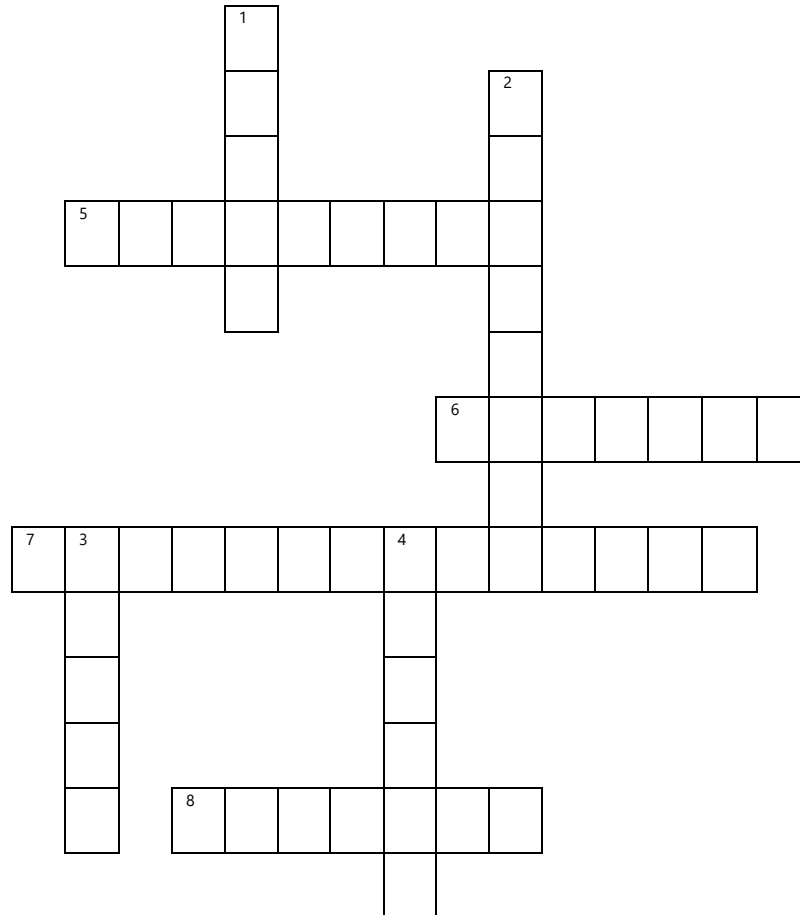
- 2 (8oz) packages cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 (9 inch) graham cracker or regular pie crust
- ½ pumpkin puree
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch ground cloves
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°.
2. In large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs, one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and set aside. Spread remaining batter into bottom of crust. Set aside.
3. Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Allow to cool, then refrigerate for 3 hours to overnight. Top with whip cream if desired.

NAME: _____

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Down:

1. The Local will hold a General Membership meeting at least _____ a year.
2. Who is responsible to report health and safety concerns?
3. Our Local is part of Region _____.
4. OPSEU was founded in 19____.

Across:

5. What does the "E" in LEC stand for?
6. How often does the health and safety committee meet?
7. What slogan did Local 329 adopt during our recent campaign?
8. Who will help us make a difference?

Please submit completed puzzles to Alyson Parent, Beckwith B
by noon on October 27, 2016 for your chance to win!