



## ***A Conference for new and experienced sisters - Bridging the Connection***

**March 6, 7 & 8, 2009, Holiday Inn Select, Stellarton, Nova Scotia**

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour (NSFL) Women's Committee is hosting this conference for new and experienced sisters. It will be an opportunity for women to come together from different workplaces, unions, job sites, different levels of involvement and job descriptions to make connections, learn from the past and chart the future with our youth. See pages 2 & 3 for

agenda and registration form.

Also, the NSFL Women's Committee is accepting nominations for Sister of the Year for 2009.

This is the 14th year that the Committee will be giving out the Sister of the Year award in honour of International Women's Day on March 8th.

We will accept nominations until February 13th, 2009 and please include a

profile of your candidate and how her contributions to the labour movement have made a difference.



*Sister Cheri Meehan (left) accepts the 2008 Sister of the Year Award from Sister Ivy Shaw, Chairperson of the NSFL Women's Committee.*

## AGENDA - NSFL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.....

### Friday, March 6

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration

7:30 pm - Opening remarks/Parking Lot Issues/Reading of Anti-Harassment Policy/Introduction of Committee

7:45 pm - Guest Speaker

8:30 pm - Meet & Greet/Reception

### Saturday, March 7

8:00 am - 9:00 am - Registration

9:00 am - Structure of the Labour Movement followed by question & answer session/Video "*History of the Labour Movement*"

10:30 am - 10:45 am - Coffee Break

10:45 am - 12:00 pm - **Roundtable/Workshops Inequality For Women** - *Time to share concerns and problem solve together; Sharing of experiences in our respective unions and organizations; Why are women's committees necessary? Why involvement at all levels is important! Why spots are made available for sisters to participate on executives, committees etc.*

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - **Panel Discussion "Women in Leadership" History/Herstory** - *Women discussing experiences featuring a panel of sisters in leadership roles followed by question and answer session.*

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm - Break

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - **Planning an Action & Charting our Future, Honouring our Past, Celebrating our Future - Working Groups/Workshops** - *A focus on women's struggles, delegates will pick a workshop to plan an activity/event/leaflet or postcard around a special day, for example: December 6th Day of Remembrance, March 8th International Women's Day; Person's Day; May Day; Labour Day; April 28th - Day of Mourning.*

7:00 pm - Special evening **Women's Wellness "Taking Care of Business"** - Special presentation, door prizes, penny auction

### Sunday, March 8 Happy International Women's Day!

9:30 am - Parking lot issues; Report back from: 1. Inequality Workshop 2. Action Plan Workshop  
- activities around important dates; Evaluation forms & closing comments

CAW Local 4005

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New and Experienced sisters  
"Bridging the Connection"**  
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Stellarton, Nova Scotia**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Union/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/fax/email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please indicate if phone/fax numbers are for home or work or both)*

A cheque in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the **"Nova Scotia Federation of Labour"** must be included with this registration form and mailed to: The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, 3700 Kempt Rd., Suite 225, Halifax, N.S., B3K 4X8. **Deadline for registration: February 5, 2009.** We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Stellarton for the nights of Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7. Rooms are \$100.00 (single or double) plus taxes. The hotel is smoke-free. You can reach the hotel toll-free @ 1.866.927.7666 or direct at 902.755.1020. **Deadline for booking rooms is February 5, 2009.** Delegates must book their own rooms.

# BOYCOTT PETRO-CANADA!

**PETRO-CANADA HAS THROWN 260 MONTREAL  
WORKERS OUT ON THE STREET!**



- Petro-Canada refuses to negotiate the same contract with the Montreal refinery workers as it did with refineries in Ontario and Alberta.
- Petro-Canada is thumbing its nose at Quebec laws that make hiring scabs illegal.

#### PETRO-CANADA IN NUMBERS:

- Profits 2007 **2 700 000 000 \$**
- Families on the street **260**
- Respect for workers **0**
- Days locked out **365+**

The 260 workers  
have been  
locked out since  
November 17, 2007.



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The Strait Area and Cape Breton District Labour Councils held an information picket at the Petro Canada in North Sydney. It went well--after people received information, the majority of them did not buy gas. From left to right: Tom McNamara, president of Strait Area District Labour Council, CLC National Representative Tony Tracy and Robert Garnier, of Breton Local 117 of the CUPW.

## 2009 Convention Dates

**Location:** Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth

**Convention:** Sunday, October 25th (evening only) to Wednesday, October 8th (til 2 pm)

**Registration:** 4:00 - 6:00 pm , Sunday, October 25th, outside the Lake City Ballroom

**Fee:** \$100.00

Please remember that your Local's per capita must not be in arrears in order for your delegates to be eligible for seating at the convention. The Convention Call is going to be mailed out in May, 2009.

Keep an eye on our website for updates: [www.nsfl.ns.ca](http://www.nsfl.ns.ca)