



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# NEWSLETTER

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## HEU in the news. Upcoming events.

HEU and HEU members from around the province have been in the news talking about everything from workplace injuries to seniors to poverty.

There are also a number of upcoming events and activities that you may be interested in.

### **More than 500 Twitter users following HEU**

HEU followers on Twitter passed the 500 mark earlier this week. You don't need to have a twitter account see what's happening at HEU. But if you want to open a twitter account, there's a "twitter primer" on our website.

### **Review of residential fees too narrow, too late**

HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy responded to BC Liberal leadership hopeful George Abbott's campaign proposal to review the impact that two years of increases to residential care fees has had on seniors, saying the scope of the review is too narrow and the timing too late. Check out the complete article in the Times Colonist.

### **Injury rates sky-rocket at St. Joseph's Hospital**

Worker injury rates have sky-rocketed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Comox, particularly for those in long-term care. "A" Channel News on Vancouver Island talked to HEU care aide Tamre Hudson and HEU servicing representative Sandra Ford about the increase, the reasons for it, and what's being done about it, or not. Watch the news segment.

### **Poor No More**

Rhonda Bruce, an HEU regional vice-president for the Interior, talked about the union's Living Wage campaign when she joined the panel at two "Poor No More" forums in Oliver and Osoyoos. Read about the forums in a two-part story printed in the Oliver Chronicle.

### **New CSS website - Bargaining for a fair deal**

Community Social Services members have a new website <<http://www.cssfairdeal.ca/faq>> to go to for information and activities around bargaining. They've been bargaining for a contract for more than a year.

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CSS workers provide services to women, children and families, youth, people with physical or developmental disabilities and First Nations in towns across British Columbia. We are asking for a fair deal!

Visit the site and send a message to provincial politicians to support their fight.

**And for those of you who live in the Lower Mainland, here are some upcoming events:**

***Documentary on seniors' care in B.C. premieres Feb. 12***

“The Remaining Light”, a production of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives BC and the Hospital Employees’ Union, will premiere at the World Community Film Festival at noon on Saturday, February 12 at Langara College in Vancouver.

HEU is a sponsor of the 10-year old festival.

Set against the backdrop of an aging population and a system of seniors’ care in crisis, “The Remaining Light” explores what it means to age and die with dignity. Seniors, their families, and people who work day-to-day with seniors, tell their stories, and share their hopes for more accessible and accountable services.

Tickets are available online or by phoning World Community Film Festival sponsor, CoDevelopment Canada, at 604-708-1495 x113.

**20th Annual Women’s Memorial March**

The Women’s Memorial March marks its 20th anniversary on February 14 when once more, people will gather to commemorate and honour the lives of missing and murdered women. Join others at Carnegie Centre, 401 Main Street and Hastings at noon on Monday, February 14. The march will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by a healing circle at 3:00 p.m. More information about the march and related events is available at <http://womensmemorialmarch.wordpress.com/>.

**Remembering those who died in the Grupo Mexico coal mine explosion**

The Canadian Labour Congress and United Steelworkers Dist. 3 are calling on everyone who can to attend a rally on Thursday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Haro Green Park, West Cordova Street and Bute Street in Vancouver to remember the Grupo Mexico coal mine disaster and support the call for justice and workers’ human rights in Mexico. Sixty-five miners were killed in explosion at the mine on February 19, 2006.

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