

## Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson



On behalf of Amanda Roach, Colin Porter, the Executive of 1338, and myself, I would like to wish the membership and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours in Solidarity,

*Jeff Richardson*

Jeff Richardson



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## Island Update

Carpentry has been steady on the island despite COVID-19's impact. New projects are starting every day, and the housing market has really taken off, leaving the hall short on workers. If you know of anyone interested in the trade, please reach out to Colin or Amanda at the hall at (902) 566-1414, to set up a meeting.

Some of the larger projects we are seeing include the new Jail addition in Sleepy Hollow, the Hillsborough mental health facilities on Acadia Drive in Charlottetown, many apartment buildings coming to completion, as well as refits to School and water treatment facilities, to name a few.

Over the past few months, EST Deb Romero, Business Representative Colin Porter, President Alan Kornelson, and myself, your Regional Manager, have been working hard to return the training funds back to the home local in PEI. We are proud to report that that process is well under way and as of September 1<sup>st</sup> all training monies are to be directed to the new Training Trust of Prince Edward Island.



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## Message from Executive Secretary Treasurer Deb Romero

The ACRC kicked off 2020 with a bang. Hours for January and February were higher than previous years, and we anticipated that this would be a ringer year for work for our members. In March, COVID became a reality for Atlantic Canadians and our world, and the world around, us changed dramatically. Project cancellations and slowdowns caused tremendous job losses for Brothers and Sisters across the regions. Some regions recovered by late summer while others still have not overcome the losses caused by the impact of COVID.

To say the very least, it has been an incredibly difficult year for most. As 2020 ends and we look to 2021, we are filled with optimism. Our provinces will begin to administer vaccines in the next few days. Work for 2021 is very promising with government pledging to invest in infrastructure to boost the flailing economy. Many projects that were put on hold due to the virus will move forward in 2021. This means jobs and plenty of them. – if we continue to control the spread of COVID.

Government restrictions on travel and the creation of the Atlantic Bubble gained worldwide recognition for our provinces as one of the safest places on earth to live. As the holiday season draws near, we must continue to practice safety. Many of our members are working away and travelling home for Christmas, or will have family members returning home for the holidays from other areas of the country and abroad that have had significantly more cases of COVID. It is important for all of us to follow the rules put in place by our various Premiers to ensure the safety of our families and all citizens of Atlantic Canada.

Christmas this year will look very different from past ones and we need to be creative as we find new ways to communicate with our families and friends. Take some extra time to think about who may be alone for the holidays and check in on them by reaching out to give them a call. During these difficult times, we all need to support each other. I would like to remind all members that we do have support available through our health plan if you or a family member are not coping well with the extra stress.

On behalf of the Executive Board, delegates, and staff of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council, I would like to extend a heartfelt wish for a safe and happy holiday season for you and your family.

**EST Deb Romero**



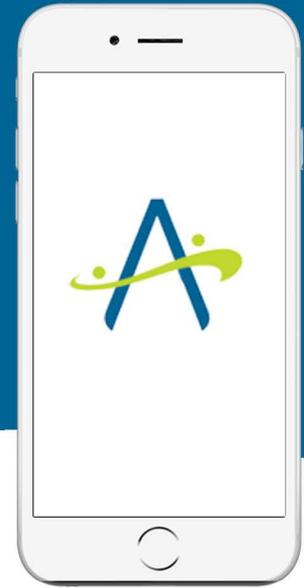


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# Office to Advance Women Apprentices

My name is Joan Paynter and I am the Project Coordinator for the Office to Advance Women Apprentices on PEI. I was born and raised in Kensington, PEI. Left to join the CAF in 83 and spent 11 years as a Vehicle Technician. I am also a Red Seal Journeyman Parts Technician. I have spent over 30 years working in the Non-Traditional Trades.

Here at the office in Charlottetown's Office to Advance Women Apprentices, we have approximately 55 registered apprentices and are accepting others as women register with us. Our job is to Enhance their chances to find employment in their trades. We do this by offering a "Wrap Around Support." This support is both by having a database and several interactions with the apprentices. We will provide Resume help, Career Counselling, networking opportunities. We will help apprentices with finding their barriers and how to work through them. We will coach and mentor apprentices till they have completed their Red Seal and they themselves can also become Mentors.

We can't forget employers either. We reach out to potential employers and organizations to provide them with diversity training awareness. We let them know of potential Bursaries or Grants available from the Government. We work with them to provide them with a good candidate to fit their needs.

We partner with organizations like Trade HERizons and Holland College so that we can reach as many of the apprentices here on PEI by giving them a presentation of the Office and how it works.

At Present there is approx. 4.5% of apprentices in PEI that are female. We strive to increase the number of women in the trades and with the help of the ACRC we have been able to since the opening of the Office in 2019.

The Office to Advance Women Apprentices is managed under the ACRC umbrella and we are delighted to have the support for all staff within this organization. To learn more about us visit our website at [www.womenapprentices.ca](http://www.womenapprentices.ca)



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Training in PEI has been quite busy over the past 2 months. With commercial jobs starting everyday, contractors are making sure that the training of their employees is up to date. We are doing our best to meet these demands by offering WHIMIS 2015, Fall Protection, MEWP, and First Aid. Lately we have been having all our courses take place on Fridays with the occasional Saturday depending on demand and attendances. The COVID-19 Emergency has made training difficult but has not stopped us. Currently our classes are cut down in size to allow for proper social distancing; please be aware of this when you call to enroll in a class. Please call Amanda at the Union Hall (902) 566-1414 for more information or to sign up for a course. Our priority is to ensure the safety and well being of our members as well as our commitment to contractors to have our members work ready.



## Dispatch Update

For the month of November, there have been 18 dispatches and 6 new recruited members.

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